

# The Nakshatras

*The Lunar Mansions of Vedic Astrology*

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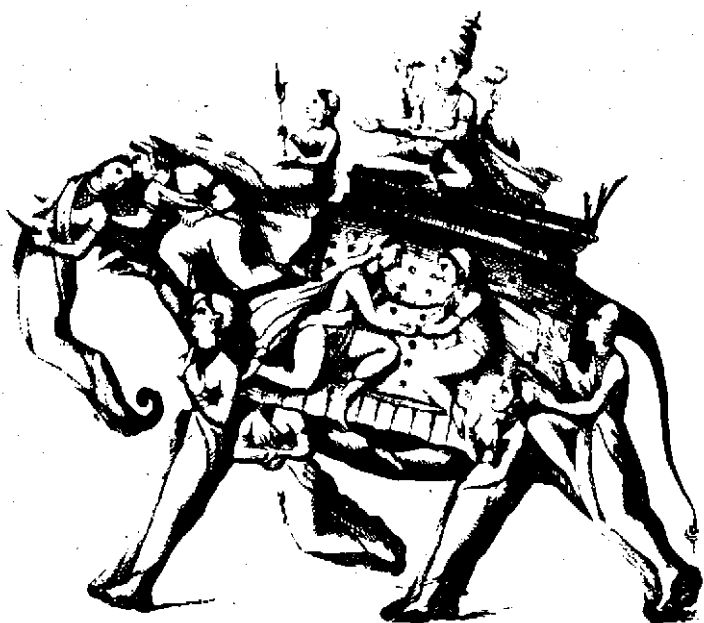
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# SECTION

## 1



## Ashwini

0° to 13° 20' Aries

The first of the 27 lunar mansions is called Ashwini, which resides entirely with the sign of Aries the Ram, ruled by Mars. The nakshatra itself is ruled by Ketu, the South Node of the Moon. Thus, a Mars/Ketu mixture of energy is experienced by planets which inhabit it. Dynamism, tenacity, fierce activity and a thirst for life are reflected by this combination of forces. Activation of primordial energies with the awakening of consciousness is associated with this asterism. The symbol of this nakshatra is a horse's head. It consists of three stars in the head of the Ram constellation. These fixed stars are Mesarthim, Al Sharatain and Hamal. These stars lie just a little north of the ecliptic. This lunar mansion is called "the star of transport."

In her wonderful book, *The Circle of Stars*, Valerie Roebuck reveals that Ashwini also means "the horsewoman," "possessing horses," "yoking horses," and "she who yokes horses."<sup>1</sup> Interestingly, famous horse lovers Prince Charles of England and Jackie Onassis have their natal Moons placed in this nakshatra. The power and stamina of the horse as well as its "headstrong" nature are found within this asterism. The grace and beauty of a horse in flight may be witnessed through Ashwini.

A playful and childlike nature can also be experienced through Ashwini. A dauntless spirit that likes to explore new lands may be observed. Ashwini is an excellent constellation for the Moon to reside in when starting a journey. As Bepin Behari writes, "If a rider is able to break and subdue a wild horse, he can use it to travel far."<sup>2</sup> The love of just "horsing around" may also be present. For example, the famous comedian Jerry Lewis has his natal Moon in Ashwini.

The Sun is exalted in this nakshatra. There is, therefore, a thirst for leadership, authority and honor associated with Ashwini. The great Hindu deity Shiva is said to inhabit this lunar mansion. The primary motivation of this nakshatra is the principle of dharma or righteous deeds and activity. Law, duty, religion, and ethical conduct are emphasized. Ashwini is considered a *laghu* nakshatra which is light and swift.

The myth of Ashwini is also connected with Surya, the Sun god in Hindu lore. The story goes that Surya was so brilliant and hot that no one could bear to be in his presence. To help him, his father divided him into twelve parts, each a sun with its own universe. Bits of solar energy that were whittled away in this process provided the material used to create Shiva's trident, Skanda's spear and Vishnu's discus. The Sun in our own universe was then married to the daughter of Vishwakarma, the divine architect. Her name was Sanjna, which means "intellect." But due to the heat and intensity of even this division of the original Sun, she needed to spend time away from Surya even though, in a sense, his divine light represented her true nature.

During one of Sanjna's absences, she asked her housemaid, Chhaya, to take care of her husband. Interestingly, Chhaya translates to mean "shadow." Surya fell in love with Chhaya while his wife was away. When Sanjna returned, she found out about this betrayal and became so angry she turned herself into a mare and galloped away. Surya, realizing the grave mistake he had made, turned himself into a stallion and galloped after her. He finally caught up to her in a beautiful meadow and they made love, conceiving the Ashwin twins, the two horsemen.

The Ashwins are pictured as divine, mystical doctors who ride in a golden chariot, bringing their healing energy down to the earth plane. They bring light, happiness and bliss to everyone they touch. Ashwini has the power to quickly heal and reach things (*shidhra vyapani* shakti).<sup>3</sup> The Ashwins can be invoked to bring about healing and rejuvenation of the body, mind and spirit. They are known as the "physicians of the gods."

The Ashwins can assist in childbirth, restore youth to the old and even life to the dead. The Ashwins are forces of *prana*, or life force, which is quick in its action to stimulate, help and initiate a new level or healing. A Greek equivalent to the Ashwins is Asklepios, the father of healing in ancient times. It is a good nakshatra for administering medicines or performing healing work. Miracles are experienced within this nakshatra.

The shadow side of Ashwini is impulsiveness, aggression, a stubborn and arrogant nature. Adolf Hitler had his exalted natal Sun placed in Ashwini. Passion, lust and lack of discretion may be present if afflicted planets are placed in this nakshatra. Venus placed here may bring difficulties with sexuality. Dissatisfaction, disappointment, lack of mental quietude, and fear of criticism may appear if Saturn resides in this lunar mansion.

<sup>1</sup> Roebuck, Valerie. *The Circle of Stars*. Shaftesbury, England: Element, 1991.

<sup>2</sup> Behari, Bepin. *Myths and Symbols of Vedic Astrology*. Salt Lake City, UT: Passage Press, 1990.

<sup>3</sup> Frawley, David. *Shaktis of the Nakshatras*. 1998.

## Ashwini at a Glance

1

Range:	0° 00' - 13° 30' Aries
Symbol:	Horse's Head
Ruling Planet:	Ketu
Nature:	Deva (god-like)
Primary Motivation:	Dharma
Animal Symbol:	Male horse
Direction:	South
Sounds:	Chu, Chey, Cho, La
Qualities:	Rajas/Rajas/Rajas
Deities:	Ashwini Kumars, Shiva, Surya

### **Ascendant in Ashwini**

Adventurous spirit, love of travel  
 Brilliant eyes, magnetic look  
 Respected, prominent, modest, efficient  
 Need to control diet, drug problems

### **Famous People**

Amelia Erhart  
 Martin Luther King  
 Robert F Kennedy  
 Charles Manson,  
 Liza Minelli

### **Moon in Ashwini**

Intelligent, bright mind  
 - Attractive, beautiful appearance  
 Happy mood, gives hope to others  
 Healing gifts, nurtures others  
 - Fond of music and the fine arts  
 - Love of travel  
 Attracted to spiritual life  
 Believes strongly in God  
 Sincere love of family  
 Marriage usually occurs  
     between the ages of 26-30  
 Struggles until 30th year, then progress occurs

### **Famous People**

Prince Charles  
 Jackie Onassis  
 Jerry Lewis  
 Alfred Adler  
 Rick Tamas  
 Aldous Huxley  
 Ingrid Bergman  
 Geena Davis  
 My wife Laura

### **Sun in Ashwini**

Regal, proud nature  
 Excellent business skills  
 Aggressive, militant  
 Leadership, authority positions  
 Desire for power, fame

### **Famous People**

Al Pacino  
 J.P. Morgan  
 Adolf Hitler  
 Charlie Chaplin  
 Barbra Streisand

### **Ashwini Career Interests**

Psychologists, therapists  
 Physicians, healers  
 Mystics  
 Military personnel  
 Police, criminal courts  
 Merchants, salespeople  
 Musicians, horse trainers, jockeys

### **Health Issues**

Head injuries  
 Headaches  
 Mental illness  
 Smallpox  
 Malaria

## Bharani

*13° 20' to 26° 40' Aries*

The second of the 27 nakshatras is named Bharani, which also resides entirely within the sign of Aries the Ram, ruled by Mars. The lunar mansion itself is ruled by Venus. Thus, a Mars/Venus interaction of energy is experienced by planets which inhabit or transit this asterism. The union of the feminine (Venus) and masculine (Mars) reflects the creative potential which is experienced here. Bharani is a conduit or channel for artistic gifts and talents. The symbol for this nakshatra is a yoni, the organ of female reproduction. A vessel made of clay (earthen ware) which serves to hold the creative forces is also depicted. The energy of Shiva's wife, Shakti, resides here.

Bharani is formed by three faint stars in the sign of the Ram. Called Musca Borealis, it consists of the stars 35, 39, and 41 Arietis, which form a triangle. These stars are found north of the ecliptic above the tail of the Ram.

This lunar mansion is called "the star of restraint," which reflects the sense of being entangled in the world of desires and illusions. Strong sexual desires may be experienced here due to the Venus/Mars influence. Bharani also means "bearing" or "she who bears," which indicates the need for forbearance, hard work and discipline. The animal symbol for this nakshatra is a male elephant, which reflects the ability to carry the burden of humanity. The social activist and philosopher Karl Marx had his natal Moon placed here.

The deity connected with this asterism is Yama, the god of death. He is the agent of lord Shiva. Yama means "the binder" and also refers to various yogic disciplines such as breath control, hatha yoga and meditation. Yama guides the soul to the astral plane, where it can experience the result of its karma from the present life and prepare for the life to come. Yama is a deity

of sacrifice and discipline. Qualities of truthfulness, self-sacrifice, virtue and dharma are also present. Spiritual depth and yogic practices may be experienced through Bharani's influence. Austerities may be needed to harness the primal creativity of this nakshatra. Bharani has the power to cleanse and remove impurities (apabharani shakti)<sup>1</sup>.

The Sun is in its exaltation sign of Aries when it is in this lunar mansion. If the Sun is placed in Bharani, it confers the qualities of leadership, authority and power. The founder of psychoanalysis, Sigmund Freud, had his Sun placed in this nakshatra. The person will have an active, pioneering and explorative nature. The primary motivation is artha (wealth, prosperity). Thus, the Sun abiding here can bring fame, success and riches.

The shadow side of Bharani is experienced as a sense of struggle and suffering. As mentioned previously, this is the "star of restraint." It is a *krura* (fierce or severe) nakshatra which can relate to imprisonment and other forms of confinement. A restless, irritable and impatient nature may be present. The person may be a moralist, judgmental, and carry everything to an extreme. Saddam Hussein has his Sun in Bharani. Pride, arrogance and resentment may be experienced. Indulgence in sexuality, vanity and narcissism can be observed here. Jack Nicholson has his Sun and Madonna her Mars in this asterism.

<sup>1</sup> Frawley, David. *Shaktis of the Nakshatras*. 1998.

## Bharani at a Glance

2

Range:	13° 20' – 26° 40' Aries
Symbol:	Yoni (female sex organ)
Ruling Planet:	Venus
Nature:	Manushya (human)
Primary Motivation:	Artha (wealth)
Animal Symbol:	Male Elephant
Direction:	West
Sounds:	Li, Lu, Ley, Lo
Qualities:	Rajas/Rajas/Tamas
Deities:	Yama, the God of Death, Shakti

### Ascendant in Bharani

Courageous, pioneering spirit  
Proud, confident, famous  
Good health, vibrant  
Help their friends and family  
Fond of family, but few  
biological children

### Famous People

George Lucas  
John Denver  
Swami Muktananda  
Mia Farrow  
Joe Pesci

### Moon in Bharani

Attractive, charismatic, *bold, truthful*  
Leadership, shine well in public life  
Healthy, free from disease, *artistic*  
Clever in doing their work, dutiful  
Investigation into occult studies  
Success through writing and publishing  
General betterment after 33 years of age  
*increased wealth, property*  
*eye disease, conflicts in countryside*

### Famous People

C.G. Jung, Karl Marx  
Elton John  
Oliver Stone  
Edgar Cayce  
James Braha  
Carlos Castaneda  
Tonya Harding  
Monica Lewinsky

### Sun in Bharani

Intelligent, tactful  
Fame, respected  
Wealth, creative nature  
Issues with anger and pride  
Militant nature

### Famous People

Sigmund Freud  
Jack Nicholson  
Orson Welles, W.R. Hearst  
Saddam Hussein  
Rudolph Hess

### Bharani Career Interests

Publishers, writers  
Film and music industry  
Occultists, psychics, hypnotists  
Astrologers, psychologists  
Entrepreneurs, business people  
Financial consultants  
Lawyers  
Building Contractors

### Health Issues

Problems with  
reproductive organs  
Venereal disease  
Face and eyesight problems  
Head injuries

## Krittika

26° 40' Aries to 10° 00' Taurus

The third nakshatra, Krittika, resides in the constellations of the Ram and the Bull. The first pada (3° 20') is in Aries, with the remaining ten degrees in Taurus. The Sun is the ruling planet of this lunar mansion. Thus, in the first pada, a Sun/Mars dynamic is experienced due to the waning Aries influence. Leadership, authority, and power may result. President Bill Clinton's natal Moon is placed here.

The astronomical location of this lunar mansion is in the constellation of the Pleiades. The six brightest stars of the Pleiades form the nakshatra Krittika. They are seen in Hindu mythology as the wives of the Great Seers. In Western astronomy, they are named Alcyone (eta), Celaeno (16), Electra (17), Taygete (19), Maia (20), and Asterope (21). Alcyone is considered the most beautiful and the brightest star in the group. The stars of this nakshatra reside in the upper torso of the Bull. The Moon is exalted at three degrees of Taurus in this constellation.

Krittika represents the determined and tenacious will to achieve greatness. It is the fighter for a social cause, the spiritual warrior. The ruling deity is Agni, the god of fire and transformation. Krittika's symbols are a flame, a razor, an axe or other edged weapons. This nakshatra represents the power to burn (*dahana shakti*)<sup>1</sup> or to cut away negativity to get to the deepest truths. Krittika literally means "the cutters" and is called "the star of fire." Since Agni is the god of the sacred fire, purification is the dominant activity of this lunar mansion. This may be a good nakshatra to perform a fire ceremony to propitiate Agni. It can bring out the divine qualities in human nature through the fires of purification. Agni is the fire that cooks our food, so there is also a nourishing effect experienced here. Krittika is considered a *misra* (mixed) nakshatra which is generally good for daily

activities such as cooking. Kritika also reflects the aspiration for radical changes in personal and social life. For example, Bob Dylan's Moon is found in the first pada of this asterism.

The remaining ten degrees of Kritika fall in the constellation of Taurus, ruled by the planet Venus. Gifts in the fine arts may be generated through the Venus/Sun influence experienced here. The famous artist Frida Kahlo had her natal Moon placed in the Taurus side of Kritika. A strong desire to create children may result when planets reside here. Beauty, elegance and fashionable dress may be seen here. Princess Diana's Venus resides in early Taurus.

The shadow side of Kritika is a stubborn, aggressive nature. Destructive tendencies and issues with anger may be observed. A passive-aggressive personality may be present. Fiery emotions and a combative nature can result. Illicit affairs and attractions to others' mates can occur in Kritika. The person may have difficulties concerning his or her diet and eating habits. The primary motivation of Kritika is kama or desire. A child-like nature may be observed here. Thus, a major lesson in this lunar mansion is the discipline over one's desire nature and finding pleasurable activities that are truly healing and revitalizing.

<sup>1</sup> Frawley, David. *Shaktis of the Nakshatras*. 1998.

## Krittika at a Glance

3

Range:	26° 40' Aries – 10° 00' Taurus
Symbol:	Flame or Razor
Ruling Planet:	Sun
Nature:	Rakshasa (demon)
Primary Motivation:	Kama (desire)
Animal Symbol:	Female Sheep
Direction:	North
Sounds:	Aa, Ee, U, Aye
Qualities:	Rajas/Rajas/Sattwa
Deity:	Agni, God of Fire

### **Krittika on the Ascendant**

Dignified, proud, honorable  
Ambitious, skillful, wealthy  
Truthful, honest  
Strong appetite  
Wavering mind at times

### **Famous People**

Gregory Peck  
Dennis Flaherty  
Bepin Behari, James Braha  
Lazaris (Jach Pursel)

### **Moon in Krittika**

*Self-annihilation in  
later life*

Brilliant appearance, well-known  
Peaceful nature, good advisor  
Strong in purpose, determined, *bold*  
Intelligent, but unstable mind, *learned*  
Gifts in the fine arts  
Moves away from birthplace  
Good periods: 25-35; 50-56  
Attached to mother, trouble with father  
Combative nature at times

### **Famous People**

Bill Clinton  
Bob Dylan  
Ammachi  
Ronald Reagan  
Frida Kahlo  
Mick Jagger  
Gregory Peck  
Peter Sellers  
Jimmy Hoffa

### **Sun in Krittika**

Spiritual warrior, disciplined  
Leadership, power over the masses  
Issues with authority figures  
Need for seclusion, solitude  
Gifts in music, dance, and drama  
Angry temperament, destructive

### **Famous People**

Sri Yukteswar  
Pope John Paul II  
Swami Kriyananda  
Swami Muktananda  
Janet Jackson, Cher  
Jim Jones

### **Krittika Career Interests**

Spiritual teachers, advisors  
Musicians, dancers, singers  
Modelings, fashion designers  
Military careers  
Building contractors

### **Health Issues**

Neck ache  
Throat soreness  
Headaches  
Fevers, Malaria

## Rohini

10° 00' to 23° 20' Taurus

The fourth nakshatra is named Rohini. It is placed entirely within the constellation of Taurus the Bull. The Moon is in its mulatrikona sign in Rohini and also rules this lunar mansion. Beauty, sensuality, charisma and charm can be reflected here. Its primary motivation, though, is moksha or spiritual liberation. According to Dr. B.V. Raman, Sri Krishna had both his Lagna (Ascendant) and natal Moon residing in Rohini.<sup>1</sup> The ruling deity is Brahma, the creator of the universe. Thus, tremendous creativity and gifts in the fine arts can result with planets posited here. The sign of Taurus is ruled by the planet Venus. A Moon-Venus creative chemistry is the magical blend of this lunar mansion.

Rohini is translated to mean "the red one," "the red cow," or "the growing one." It is located near the pale rose star of Aldebaran. It consists of five stars in the head of Taurus the Bull. Aldebaran is considered the red eye of the bull. This constellation (the Hyades) is near the ecliptic, so planets passing through Rohini can be more readily seen. The symbol for this asterism is an ox cart or chariot. It is rajasic in nature and reflects the need for travel and movement. Another symbol for Rohini is a temple. In South India this asterism is depicted as a banyan tree, which provides shade and protection to humanity. Rohini is named "the star of ascent" and gives rise to prominence and influence in society.

The residing deity of Rohini is Prajapati, the Creator. Its power is growth (*rohana shakti*).<sup>2</sup> This shakti fosters growth and creation on all levels, bestowing fertility. Prajapati is the great creator who can bestow anything we desire. Thus, we must take care in deciding what we really want. Rohini embodies the cosmic preparation needed to facilitate the growth and development of our creative potential. Taurus is an earth sign which signifies that the fruits of one's actions can be fully realized here. Fulfillment of one's earthly desires and artistic expression can

blossom in this lunar mansion. Deep devotion and faith in God can be experienced. Heaven can descend to the earth plane through Rohini. Spiritual strength and responsibility are revealed here. The animal symbol, a male serpent, reflects the spiritual power and wisdom that can reside in Rohini.

The shadow side of Rohini can involve indulgence and materialism. The person may seek luxury without considering the price. The person may "win the kingdom, but lose his soul." Since Rohini is located in the head of Taurus the Bull, an obstinate, bull-headed nature may occur at times. Taurus is a fixed sign that is often related to a stubborn personality style. A short temper and critical nature may be seen. Issues with jealousy and possessiveness may be a theme in this asterism.

The Hindu mythological tale involved with Rohini reflects the creation of the 27 nakshatras and their shadow side. According to the Puranic myth, Brahma produced ten *Prajapatis* or divine beings to assist him in manifesting the universe. One of the celestial architects, named Daksha, fathered 60 daughters, of whom 27 represented the nakshatras. They were given as a gift to the Moon god. Of his 27 wives, Rohini was his favorite due to her beauty, grace, and charm. This aroused hostility and jealousy among her 26 sisters. They complained to Brahma and Daksha, and a curse was placed on the Moon. Upon realizing how ill their husband was becoming, they pleaded with Brahma to lift the curse. But once a curse is cast it cannot be fully taken back. Thus, according to Vedic lore, the Moon must wax and wane for eternity due to this misdeed of the heart.

In his book, *Myths and Symbols of Vedic Astrology*, Bepin Behari writes, "if an individual becomes possessive and begins pursuing the objects of the senses to the detriment of his other faculties, he is caught in the tidal waves of growth and decay. This is the status of the Moon after being cursed by Brahma for his infatuation with Rohini. This is a prosperous lunar mansion which can create desires and sensory attachments. Rohini is that attraction which compels the Divinity in man to lose its pristine memory and become immersed in worldly gratification."<sup>3</sup>

## Rohini at a Glance

4

Range:	10° 00' – 23° 20' Taurus
Symbol:	Ox-cart, Chariot, Temple, Banyan Tree
Ruling Planet:	Moon
Nature:	Manushya (human)
Primary Motivation:	Moksha (spiritual liberation)
Animal Symbol:	Male Serpent
Direction:	East
Sounds:	Oh Va Vee Vo
Qualities:	Rajas/Tamas/Rajas
Deities:	Brahma, Prajapati

### **Ascendant in Rohini**

Brilliant, attractive, magnetic eyes  
Charismatic leader, wealthy  
Political power, popular  
Virile, romantic, artistic  
Sex symbol, sensual nature  
Indulgent, sexual addiction

### **Famous People**

Sri Krishna  
Werner Erhard  
Queen Victoria  
Mick Jagger  
Michelle Pfeiffer  
Burt Reynolds  
Wilt Chamberlain

### **Moon in Rohini *Love, long life***

Lovely appearance, balanced mind  
Gifts in music, dance and drama  
Successful career, affects the public  
Success in politics, fame, wealth  
Good health, well-developed muscles  
Best periods: 30-50 (after Rahu Dasa)  
Trouble with early marriage, indecisive

### **Famous People**

Sri Krishna  
Fred Astaire  
Sigmund Freud  
Queen Victoria  
William Levacy  
Howard Cosell

### **Sun in Rohini**

Beautiful, seductive, sensual  
Artistic nature, strong emotions  
Poetic, musical gifts  
Robust nature, well-liked, many friends

### **Famous People**

Marilyn Monroe, JFK  
Isadora Duncan  
Bob Dylan  
John Wayne  
Clint Eastwood

### **Rohini Career Interests**

Politicians, authority positions  
Musicians, artists, actors, dancers  
Agriculture, real estate  
Restaurant and hotel business  
Fashion designers, models

### **Health Issues**

Colds and cough  
Irregular menses  
Apoplexy (Sun stroke)  
Obesity, Poor diet  
Sore throat  
Venereal disease

## Mrigashira

23° 20' Taurus to 6° 40' Gemini

The fifth nakshatra, Mrigashira, is evenly divided within the constellations of Taurus and Gemini. It consists of three faint stars near the head of Orion. This lunar mansion is called "the searching star," marking the "beginning of a search." The ruling planet is Mars, reflecting the spiritual warrior searching for truth. The great Vedic astrologer from India Dr. B.V. Raman and his astrologer son Niranjan Babu both have their natal Moons placed in this auspicious asterism. Spiritual intelligence and research abilities are refined here. Mrigashira is considered devic or god-like in nature with its primary motivation being moksha or the urge for spiritual liberation. The deity that presides here is Soma, the Moon god, who imparts the divine nectar of bliss and enlightenment. Its power is giving fulfillment (pranana shakti).<sup>1</sup>

The first half of Mrigashira is placed in the constellation of Taurus the Bull. The creative impulse of Venus ruling Taurus can help individuals manifest their ideas into the material plane. Poetic and musical talent may be present. This nakshatra is also good for producing beautiful, creative and intelligent children and can bring material affluence. The second half of Mrigashira resides in Gemini. Writing, public speaking, and persuasive speech can manifest here. The person may also be very curious, clever and research oriented.

Mrigashira literally means an "antelope's head" or "having the face of a deer." The beautiful fawn-like actress Brooke Shields has her natal Moon placed here. Mrigashira fills and covers us with joy. It is like a beautiful cloth that makes our life more attractive. It is considered a *mridu* (soft and tender) nakshatra. A gentle, peaceful, sensitive, and perceptive nature is usually present. Fear of confrontation may be experienced. The

other animal symbol is a female serpent, representing the sensual, seductive nature of this nakshatra.

The Hindu myth connected with Mrigashira involves the Moon god, Soma. Soma represents the divine nectar that flows from the fruit of performing yagyas or pujas. This story reveals a shadow side of Soma and his attraction to Jupiter's wife, Tara. Soma seduced Tara and eloped with her. This caused a tremendous uproar that forced the gods to intervene. Soma was persuaded to return Tara to Jupiter. However, there was a slight problem. Tara was pregnant with the Moon's child. The child was named Budha or Mercury. In the Vedas, it is written, "out of the Moon, the mind was born." That is, the analytical mind of Mercury is created out of the perceptual mind of the Moon. The myth ends with a renewal within the family. Even when Jupiter found out who the real father of Mercury was, the child was so charming that Jupiter agreed to parent him. This nakshatra reveals that, following turmoil, a new relationship is created to reflect the beginning of a new life between Jupiter and Tara after the birth of Mercury. The birth of Shiva's consort, Uma, also took place under Mrigashira; they were also married under this nakshatra. Thus, birth and marriage can be auspicious under this asterism.

The shadow side of Mrigashira can be an indulgence in pleasure. Astrologer Bepin Behari writes that "seeking comfort and pleasure in life is a sort of chase after the golden deer."<sup>2</sup> Sensory attachments to strong earthly needs and a craving for sensation may result. A fickle nature may also be observed in this lunar mansion, particularly in the Gemini half of Mrigashira. This nakshatra is thought to be connected to the ancient civilization of Lumeria.

<sup>1</sup> Frawley, David. *Shaktis of the Nakshatras*. 1998.

<sup>2</sup> Behari, Bepin. *Myths and Symbols of Vedic Astrology*. Salt Lake City, UT: Passage Press, 1990.

## Mrigashira at a Glance

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Range:	23° 20' Taurus - 6° 40' Gemini
Symbol:	Antelope's head
Ruling Planet:	Mars
Nature:	Deva (god-like)
Primary Motivation:	Moksha (spiritual liberation)
Animal Symbol:	Female Serpent
Direction:	South
Sounds:	Vay, Vo, Kaa, Ke
Qualities:	Rajas/Tamas/Tamas
Deity:	Soma, the Moon God

### **Mrigashira on the Ascendant**

Attractive, seductive nature  
Mystical, seeker of truth  
Face of a deer  
Enthusiastic, talkative, good speech  
  
Active mind, mental vacillation  
  
Daring, love of travel

### **Famous People**

Bagwan Shree Rajneesh  
Orson Welles  
Leonard Nimoy  
Pamela Lee Anderson,  
Drew Barrymore  
Henry Kissenger,  
Rick Tarnas, Noel Tyl  
Michael Caine,  
Gen. George Patton

### **Moon in Mrigashira**

Intelligent, writing skills, *knowledge*  
Political nature, wealth  
*religious worshipper -*  
Sensual, beautiful, timid! *bold*  
Trouble with business partnerships  
Life is generally better after  
Rahu dasa (after 21)

*conflicts/epidemic diseases / dear friend -*

### **Sun in Mrigashira**

Adventurous, courageous  
Athletic, competitive  
Leadership, authority figure  
Poetic, writing skill  
Jack of all trades, creative  
Indulgent nature, laziness

### **Famous People**

Dr. B.V. Raman  
Walter Mondale,  
Shirley Temple Black  
Brooke Shields  
Rodin, Doris Day  
Niranjan Babu,  
Goldie Hawn

### **Famous People**

Jacques Cousteau  
Venus Williams  
George Bush  
William Butler Yeats  
Frank Lloyd Wright  
Judy Garland

### **Mrigashira Career Interests**

Writers, poets  
Astrologers, mystics  
Researchers, teachers  
Engineers, gemologists  
Acting profession, music  
Real estate, sales, travel agents

### **Health Issues**

Vocal chords, sore throats  
Constipation  
Venereal disease  
Sciatica

## Ardra

6° 40' to 20° 00' Gemini

The sixth nakshatra is named Ardra. It resides entirely within the sign of Gemini, the Twins. Ardra is the bright star Betelgeuse in the constellation of Orion. It is also associated with the fixed star Sirius. Ardra is symbolized by a human head, reflecting the emphasis on the mind or thinking capacity. Although its ruling planet is Rahu, Mercury's rulership of Gemini is also prominent throughout this lunar mansion. Thus, a deep feeling nature combined with passionate thinking may be experienced in Ardra. The presiding deity is Rudra, the lord of the storm and the god of destruction. Rudra is a fierce form of Shiva who also represents thunder. Issues with death, pain and suffering are common themes. Elizabeth Kubler-Ross, a pioneer in the field of death and dying, has the natal Moon here. If the Moon is placed in Ardra, the individual is also born in the stormy seas of Rahu's dasa.

Ardra means "the moist one" and is depicted as a teardrop. It is described as green, fresh, soft, wet, and "shining like a gem." Ardra reflects the perception of clarity that comes after a spring rain storm of Rudra or the tears of sorrow. This asterism is connected with fierce activity, enthusiasm, and an urge for expansion. Its primary motivation is kama or desire. Rahu, its ruling planet, reflects the strong desire nature of Ardra.

The Hindu myth connected with Ardra involves the demon Taraka. He practiced severe austerities to receive the gift from Brahma of "undefeatable power." After receiving this power, he began to oppress the gods. The lesson given is that power and intelligence is like a double-edged sword that can lead to destructive acts. It is called a *tikshna* (sharp) nakshatra which can produce powerful, bold and brash activities. Ardra's power is effort (*yama shakti*), particularly for making gains in life through

greater effort.<sup>1</sup> This struggle can bring great rewards, but not without persistent determination and a certain degree of luck.

The shadow side of Ardra is the potential abuse of power and lusting after material attainments. Ardra natives' actions can cause torment or pain to others. They may also work in the helping professions, alleviating the suffering of others. A proud, egoic or violent nature may occur due to Ardra's influence. Both Nicole and OJ Simpson have their natal Venus conjoined in this lunar mansion. A critical and complaining attitude may also be present. They can appear ungrateful or haughty. A need to cultivate gratitude and appreciation can heal many wounds in Ardra. This nakshatra is also connected to hunters and animal killers. The residing deity Rudra is the lord of wild animals as well as storms. Thus, a sattwic or vegetarian diet and the practice of *ahimsa* (non-violence) is advised.

<sup>1</sup> Frawley, David. *Shaktis of the Nakshatras*. 1998.

## Ardra at a Glance

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Range:	6° 40' - 20° 00' Gemini
Symbol:	A human head, teardrop
Ruling Planet:	Rahu
Nature:	Manushya (human)
Primary Motivation:	Kama (desire)
Animal Symbol:	Female Dog
Direction:	West
Sounds:	Koo, Ghaa, Jna, Cha
Qualities:	Rajas/Tamas/Sattwa
Deity:	Rudra, lord of storms

### **Ardra on the Ascendant**

Intelligent, brilliant mind

Writing and communication skills

Crafty speech, fickle nature

Athletic, good dexterity

Ungrateful, deceitful

### **Famous People**

Albert Einstein,

Robert Hand

Swami Kriyananda,

Hilary Clinton

Ross Perot, Merv Griffin

Babe Ruth

Marie Antoinette

### **Moon in Ardra**

Thirst for knowledge, curious mind

Difficult marital karma,

delays in marriage, *no interest in good work*

Great communicator, orator

First pada produces good effects, truthful

Ungrateful, mischievous, anti-social!

*egoistical, many friends and colleagues*

### **Sun in Ardra**

Social skills, politically minded

Mental instability, fickle, critical

Dishonest, cunning

Fierce activity, restless mind

### **Famous People**

Elizabeth Kubler-Ross

Babe Ruth,

FD. Roosevelt

Humphrey Bogart

Richard Speck

### **Famous People**

Princess Diana

Ross Perot

Clarence Thomas

Stan Grof, David Duke

### **Ardra Career Interests**

Writers, teachers

Hospice work, social services

Sales, public relations

Politics, humanitarian projects

Athletes

Butchers

Drug dealers

### **Health Issues**

Nervous system disorders

Skin sensitivity, allergies

Mental disorders

Lung problems

## Punarvasu

20° 00' Gemini to 3° 20' Cancer

The seventh lunar mansion is named Punarvasu. This auspicious nakshatra resides primarily in the constellation of Gemini, the Twins. It consists of five stars, including Castor and Pollux. The last pada of Punarvasu is placed in Cancer, the Crab. The ruling planet is Jupiter, although a strong Mercury influence is experienced in the first three padas, which are placed in the sign of Gemini. The combination of Mercury and Jupiter can produce great intellectual and spiritual wisdom. The Indian saint Ramana Maharshi had his natal Moon placed in Punarvasu.

The ruling deity of this asterism is the mother goddess Aditi, who tends the ground on which healthy seeds can eventually bear fruit. Her power is the ability to gain wealth or substance (*vasutva prapana shakti*).<sup>1</sup> Aditi is the earth goddess who grants all abundance and gives birth to all the gods.

Due to the influence of Jupiter and Mercury, great potential in the communications fields can blossom here. Its primary symbol is a quiver of arrows, which reflects the ability to launch successful projects. It is considered a *chara* or moveable nakshatra. Punarvasu's influence is good for making life changes such as career or residential moves. This lunar mansion allows our creativity and inspiration to be renewed. The animal symbol is a female cat which reflects its sensitivity and need for independence.

The name of this nakshatra consists of two words: punar, which means "repetition," "repeat," or "again," and vasu, meaning "a ray of light," "a gem," or "a jewel." Vasu also translates to mean prosperous or good. The Vasus are eight deities who provide the foundation for cosmic and earthly manifestation. Since Punarvasu is connected with the Twins,

Castor and Pollux, the full meaning is “the two who give back the goods” or “the two who are prosperous or good.” Its primary motivation is artha or material prosperity. This asterism is called “the star of renewal” and represents the purification of self, change of personality, and the “return of the light.”

The shadow side of Punarvasu is a tendency to over-intellectualize life experiences, which can produce a critical nature. This is especially true in the first three padas, which fall in the sign of Gemini. The final pada is located in Cancer (0-3° 20') in both the Rasi and Navamsa (*vargottama*) but is weakened due to being close to the cusp. Mental vacillation may also be experienced at the cusp of this asterism. However, this nakshatra is generally one of the most benefic of the 27 lunar mansions. According to Bepin Behari, Punarvasu reflects the realization that the “exile of the human soul from its celestial abode is due to certain compulsions or sins. It is these compulsions that deprive the soul of its celestial poise.”<sup>2</sup> This mansion provides the impetus for greater action towards the concretization of the will. The spiritual arrow of consciousness is prepared to be launched in this constellation. Punarvasu is a powerful springboard of self-expression, encouraging the development of latent talents. The sky is the limit.

<sup>1</sup> Frawley, David. *Shaktis of the Nakshatras*. 1998.

<sup>2</sup> Behari, Bepin. *Myths and Symbols of Vedic Astrology*. Salt Lake City, UT: Passage Press. 1990.

## Punarvasu at a Glance

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Range:	20° 00' Gemini – 3° 20' Cancer
Symbol:	Bow and quiver of arrows
Ruling Planet:	Jupiter
Nature:	Deva (god-like)
Primary Motivation:	Artha (material prosperity)
Animal Symbol:	Female Cat
Direction:	North
Sounds:	Kay Ko Haa Hee
Qualities:	Rajas/Sattwa/Rajas
Deity:	Aditi, mother of the demigods

### **Punarvasu on the Ascendant**

Charitable, thoughtful, intelligent  
Poetic, passionate thinker, writer  
Fun loving, freedom loving, moves a lot  
Several mates, needs a spiritual mate  
Acting skill, success in business

### **Famous People**

Ram Dass  
Madame Blavatsky  
Jerry Lewis  
Arnold Schwarzenegger  
Robert DeNiro, Bill Gates

### **Moon in Punarvasu**

Happy, friendly, easily contented  
Good speech, self-controlled  
Religiously inclined, leads a simple life  
Trouble in marriage, better for women  
Writing skill, self-publishing  
Fickle nature, indecisive

### **Famous People**

Bob Hope  
Jerry Brown  
Ramana Maharshi  
Paul Simon  
Ira Progoff  
Ross Perot

### **Sun in Punarvasu**

Great intellectual prowess  
Gifts in the communications fields  
Emotionally overwhelmed  
Good social status

### **Famous People**

John Chancellor  
Tom Hanks, Harrison Ford  
OJ Simpson  
Nelson Rockefeller

### **Punarvasu Career Interests**

Acting, drama, entertainment  
Politics  
Writers, publishers  
Spiritual teachers, mystics

### **Health Issues**

Sensitive nervous system  
Pain, swelling in the ears  
Weak liver, jaundice  
Lung problem

## Pushya

3° 20' to 16° 40' Cancer

The eighth nakshatra, Pushya, resides entirely within the sign of Cancer, the Crab. It is seen as a triangle of three faint stars (north and south Aselli and star cluster M44). It is pictured in the sky as two donkeys or "little asses" feeding in the manger or "the crib" in which Jesus once lay. Pushya means "to nourish" or "providing nourishment." This lunar mansion is symbolized by the udder of a cow. The sign of Cancer, ruled by the Moon, also represents the maternal aspect of providing milk and nurturance to her children. According to many Vedic scholars, Pushya, a deva or god-like nakshatra is considered the most auspicious of the lunar mansions for spiritual maturity.<sup>1</sup>

The ruling deity is wise Brihaspati, the lord of sacred speech and prayer. According to the ancient Vedic texts, Lord Shiva made Brihaspati into the planet Jupiter. Accordingly, Jupiter becomes exalted in Pushya, reflecting intuitive wisdom, good fortune, powerful speech and purification of the psyche. Its power is the ability to create spiritual energy (*brahmavarchasa shakti*).<sup>2</sup> All forms of worship and spiritual practice are emphasized here.

The ruling planet is Saturn, which brings stability and enables creativity to fructify into entirely new forms. A vibrant tranquility, faith in oneself, and fullness of life can occur due to the interaction of Jupiter and Saturn. Pushya increases our positive efforts and good karma through hard work and discipline. It is a *laghu* or light nakshatra which is excellent for starting a business or opening an office.

Archetypal symbols connected with this lunar mansion include a flower, a circle and an arrow. The flower represents the "act of blossoming" that is experienced here. According to Bepin Behari, the flower represents "the specific limited destiny

assigned to the individual that he or she must aspire to” and “the beauty and symmetry destined to be gained.”<sup>3</sup> The circle reflects the possibility of attaining wholeness, with the arrow representing the attempt to hit the target with strength and power. Under the influence of this asterism, the spiritual warrior gets his “marching orders” and sets his forces into motion. The primary motivation is dharma. The animal symbol is a male sheep or, more accurately, a ram.

The dark side of Pushya can be a stubborn, selfish nature. Arrogance, pride and jealousy may be experienced at times. The infamous evangelist Jimmy Swaggart has his natal Moon in Pushya. Pushya individuals may need to be more discriminating in their choice of friends. Pushya has the power to overcome negative influences and assert its benefic nature. They can be quickly deflated by criticism and may doubt their own worth due to opinions of others. Insecurity and strong attachments to family members can inhibit growth. Although auspicious for starting most endeavors, Pushya is not a good asterism for a wedding ceremony.

<sup>1</sup> Raman, B.V. *Muhurtha*. Bangalore, India: IBH Prakashana, 1986

<sup>2</sup> Frawley, David. *Shaktis of the Nakshatras*. 1998.

<sup>3</sup> Behari, Bepin. *Myths and Symbols of Vedic Astrology*. Salt Lake City, UT: Passage Press, 1990.

## Pushya at a Glance

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Range:	3° 20' – 16° 40' Cancer
Symbols:	Flower, a circle, an arrow, the udder of a cow
Ruling Planet:	Saturn
Nature:	Deva (god-like)
Primary Motivation:	Dharma
Animal Symbol:	Male Sheep (ram)
Direction:	East
Sounds:	Hoo Hay Ho Daa
Qualities:	Rajas/Sattwa/Tamas
Deity:	Brihaspati, lord of sacred speech

### **Pushya on the Ascendant**

Humanitarian, thoughtful nature  
Stubborn, bold, eloquent in speech

Religious, intuitive knowledge

Independent, good status  
Musical gifts, creative nature

### **Famous People**

Al Gore, Prince Charles  
Jack Nicholson,  
Jeremy Irons  
Jeanne Dixon,  
Madam Curie  
Al Pacino  
John Travolta

### **Moon in Pushya**

Learned, composed mind  
Virtuous, liked by all people  
Wealthy, political interests  
Life improves after 33  
Problems with family of origin  
Strong issues with Mother

### **Famous People**

Mikhail Gorbachev  
Clint Eastwood  
Tom Hanks, Dan Quayle  
Jimmy Swaggart  
Mary Tyler Moore  
Jimi Hendrix

### **Sun in Pushya**

Good speech, authority figure  
Wealthy, successful, thrifty  
Sensitive, artistic nature  
Creativity in the arts  
Need for security

Arrogant, dictatorial

### **Famous People**

Peter Jennings  
Arnold Schwarzenegger  
Maxfield Parrish  
Mick Jagger  
Janet Reno,  
Monica Lewinsky  
Benito Mussolini

### **Pushya Career Interests**

Politics, government positions  
Geologists, aquatic biologist  
Military, police  
Musicians, artists

### **Health Issues**

Skin problems, eczema  
Stomach, ulcers, nausea  
Breast cancer  
Tuberculosis,  
chest problems

## Ashlesha

16° 40' to 30° 00' Cancer

The mystical ninth nakshatra, Ashlesha also resides entirely within the sign of Cancer. It consists of a circle of six stars in the constellation of Hydra, the female water snake. Ashlesha means "the entwiner." It is called "the clinging star" with a desire "to embrace" or "entangle" the object upon which it is focused. This lunar mansion is symbolized by a coiled snake and its deity is Ahi, the naga or serpent of wisdom. Its primary motivation is dharma. Ashlesha represents the *kundalini* or serpent fire that is located at the base of the spine. When activated, this energy can bring mystical power, electrifying shakti and spiritual enlightenment.

Ashlesha people may have "snake eyes" that can penetrate to the depths of understanding and explore the steamy caverns of the soul. The serpent is a symbol of divine wisdom, procreation, sexuality, and prosperity as well as danger, trouble and unexpected attack. In Ashlesha, the serpent energy must be respected and harnessed. It has the power to inflict with poisonous venom (*visasleshana* shakti).<sup>1</sup> Ashlesha has the ability to paralyze its enemies with its hypnotic gaze.

Ashlesha is ruled by the planet Mercury and inhabits the sign of the Crab, ruled by the Moon. Since both of these planets are mental in nature, the creation of a deeply philosophical, thoughtful, penetrating and intelligent mind can occur. A reclusive, austere, independent and self-reliant attitude is observed. Interestingly, a male cat is the animal symbol for this nakshatra. A magnetic, sensual, seductive nature may be present. Marilyn Monroe had this lunar mansion as her rising nakshatra. Ashlesha people may have a fascination with exploring sexuality as reflected by publisher Larry Flynt, whose natal Moon resides here.

The shadow side of Ashlesha is mental instability, worry, fear, and a melancholy mind. Ashlesha is sharp in nature. Issues with anger and a hot temper may occur. It is considered a good nakshatra for creating separation such as filing for a divorce or ending a business partnership. Ashleshans cannot tolerate any kind of personal humiliation. Due to the Mercury/Moon influence, a sensitive nervous system, psychic vulnerability and self-deception may be present. They are crafty, elusive and have a tendency to lie when it serves their needs. Ashlesha brings divine restlessness, but also transcendental aspirations. In this lunar mansion pain is inevitable, suffering is optional. They have difficulty controlling their diet. Mahatma Gandhi who had his natal Moon in Ashlesha, spent most of his life trying to purify and restrain his eating habits. Ashlesha people must cultivate a sense of gratitude and courage to face reality and life exactly as it is, rather than as they would like it to be.

<sup>1</sup> Frawley, David. *Shaktis of the Nakshatras*. 1998.

## Ashlesha at a Glance

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Range:	16° 40' - 30° 00' Cancer
Symbol:	Coiled Serpent
Ruling Planet:	Mercury
Nature:	Rakshasa (demon)
Primary Motivation:	Dharma
Animal Symbol:	Male Cat
Direction:	South
Sounds:	Dec, Doo, Day, Do
Qualities:	Rajas/Sattwa/Sattwa
Deity:	Naga, the Serpent King

### **Ashlesha on the Ascendant**

Sensual, seductive nature  
 Cruel, ungrateful, need to develop tact  
 Few children, needs alone time  
 Capable of much exertion,  
     service oriented  
 Issues with deception, intrigue

### **Famous People**

Marilyn Monroe, Sting  
 Aleister Crowley  
 Sri Aurobindo, Buddha  
 Muhammad Ali  
  
 Lyndon Johnson  
 James Earl Ray

### **Moon in Ashlesha**

Leadership, political success  
 Mystical nature, entertainer  
 Astrological gifts, intuitive  
 Writing and speaking gifts  
 Poetic nature, learned  
 Research and organizational skills  
 Need to watch diet  
 Trouble in early marriage  
 Insincere, ungrateful, sinful

### **Famous People**

Mahatma Gandhi  
 Paul McCartney  
 Bepin Behari, Jim Kelleher  
 Swami Kriyananda  
 Robert Bly  
 Dennis Harness  
 Marc Edmund Jones  
 Barbra Streisand  
 Larry Flynt, Oscar Wilde

### **Sun in Ashlesha**

Business oriented, greedy  
 Stubborn nature, opinionated  
 Mystic, intuitive  
 Good communication skills  
 Erratic career, unpredictable  
 Deceptive, evasive

### **Famous People**

Whitney Houston  
 Queen Mother Elizabeth  
 B.V. Raman, H. P. Blavatsky  
 Dustin Hoffman  
 Madonna, Lucille Ball  
 Jerry Falwell, Mata Hari

### **Ashlesha Career Interests**

Politicians, lawyers  
 Writers, teachers  
 Astrologers, mystics  
 Snake charmers, zoo keepers  
 Prostitutes, pimps

### **Health Issues**

Food poisoning  
 Obesity, poor diet  
 Venereal disease  
 Arthritis  
 Nervous disorders

## Magha

0° 00' to 13° 20' Leo

The tenth nakshatra, Magha, resides entirely within the constellation of Leo the Lion. It is composed of a sickle-shaped group of six stars. The brightest is the fixed star Regulus, which is said to be one hundred times as luminous as the Sun. Magha means "the mighty one" or "the great" and is located near the forehead of the Lion. Its symbol is a palanquin, the royal seat upon which the king was carried through the towns he ruled. The ruling planet of Magha is Ketu, with the Sun ruling the sign of Leo. Thus, mystical leadership can result. Magha gives one the power to leave the body (*tyage kshepani shakti*).<sup>1</sup> The great avatar Paramahansa Yogananda had both his rising sign and natal Moon in Magha. Yogananda left his body during his Rahu/Ketu (dasa/bhukti) planetary period. Spiritual liberation is possible here.

The ruling deities are the Pitris, the great Fathers of Humanity, who function as guardian angels giving protection in the event of major calamities on earth. The Pitris are the original progenitors of the human race and are still worshiped in traditional Hindu families today. They help to maintain tradition and cultural purity. The Pitris represent ancestral pride and personal power.

Magha expresses itself as ambition, leadership, power, family pride and loyalty to a spiritual lineage. Magha people can be very big hearted and devoted to those they love. They are respectful toward tradition and enjoy ceremony and ritual. Magha people are great actors and performers on the stage of life. Magha represents the concretization of the soul into its individualized form. The development of a strong ego, needed for the soul to accomplish its mission, is manifested through this lunar mansion. Magha bestows brightness, prosperity, power and victory with the masses.

The shadow side of Magha is arrogance, racial superiority, prejudice and identification with class status. Since artha or wealth is the primary motivation, Magha natives may become too attached to material prosperity. Magha can sometimes “win the kingdom, but lose its soul.” A divine restlessness or chronic discontent can be experienced if its natives fail to meet their lofty ideals of success. Self-doubt may be present, which results in needing to prove oneself to others. They may continually court the approval of others at the cost of the self. Magha people set high, perfectionistic standards for their own work, but their efforts are not always able to hit the mark. A driven, pitta, type-A personality can result. Magha is a *krura* or *ugra* nakshatra which can be related to cruel or fierce activities. Both OJ Simpson and Ted Bundy have their natal ascendants placed in Magha. Sensual allurements from the sexual realm may also create problems for Magha people. For example, the natal Sun for both Bill Clinton and Michael Jackson resides here.

<sup>1</sup> Frawley, David. *Shaktis of the Nakshatras*, 1998.

## Magha at a Glance

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Range:	0° 00' - 13° 20' Leo
Symbol:	Palanquin
Ruling Planet:	Ketu
Nature:	Rakshasa (demon)
Primary Motivation:	Artha (material prosperity)
Animal Symbol:	Male Rat
Direction:	West
Sounds:	Maa Mee Moo May
Qualities:	Tamas/Rajas/Rajas
Deity:	Pitris, protectors of humanity

### **Magha on the Ascendant**

Devoted to God and forefathers  
Wealthy, has servants  
Receives praise, respected  
Susceptible to allurements of sex  
Deep-rooted dislike for certain people

### **Moon in Magha**

Honored and recognized  
by learned people  
Worship of gods and ancestors  
Involved in some important  
mystical work  
Enterprising, enjoys life, charitable  
  
Physically strong, hot tempered

### **Sun in Magha**

Leadership, authority positions  
  
Entertainer, musical, seeks attention  
  
Kingly, proud nature  
  
Adventurous spirit, love of travel  
Connected to a spiritual lineage

### **Magha Career Interests**

Politicians, lawyers  
Heads of corporations  
Actors, musicians  
Archaeologists, historians  
Hypertension  
Self-employed, managers

### **Famous People**

Paramahansa Yogananda  
Elton John, Woody Allen  
Alan Leo, Dennis Harnish  
Ted Bundy  
O. J. Simpson

### **Famous People**

Maharishi Mahesh Yogi,  
Winston Churchill  
Paramahansa Yogananda  
Dennis Flaherty,  
Noel Tyl  
Walt Whitman,  
Jodie Foster  
Joseph Stalin

### **Famous People**

Bill Clinton,  
Lyndon Johnson  
Michael Jackson,  
Gene Roddenberry  
Louis XIV, the Sun King  
Deng Xiao Ping,  
Alexander the Great  
Sri Aurobindo,  
Mother Theresa

### **Health Issues**

Heart problems  
Stomach, ulcers  
Skin problems around  
mouth

## Purva Phalguni

13° 20' to 26° 30' Leo

The eleventh lunar mansion resides entirely within the body of Leo the Lion. Called "the former reddish one," it consists of two stars, Leonis and Zosma, found at the rear flank of the Lion. Purva Phalguni means the "fruit of the tree." It is also known as Pubba. It is represented by a swinging hammock representing rest and recuperation. Its deity is Bhaga, the God of good fortune and prosperity. Bhaga protects marital happiness and bestows family inheritance. Lord Shiva started on his marriage procession under this star.

The Shiva Lingam is also a symbol of this powerful and creative nakshatra. Purva Phalguni gives the power of creative procreation (*prajanana shakti*).<sup>1</sup> Great wealth and gifts in the fine arts are acquired here. A youthful, carefree, exuberant nature with an incredible zest for life can be experienced through Purva Phalguni. Sensual pleasure, passion, and love and affection are often found in this asterism. Its primary motivation is *kama* or healthy enjoyments. It is a lunar mansion of fulfillment, good luck, well-being and pleasure that is healing and revitalizing. The animal symbol is a female rat, the vehicle of transport for Lord Ganesha.

Purva Phalguni usually reveals an attractive, virile person with the ability to influence others and deal sweetly with people. It is less competitive than the preceding nakshatra, Magha. Pubba promises success and is victorious over any adversaries it may encounter. It expresses dynamic energy with a divine impulse to manifest its many desires, a strong thirst for direct experience and a readiness to plunge into activities. Pubba serves as a launching pad where the descending soul receives its dharmic marching orders. There is also a great love of music, dance and drama and a sociable nature in this asterism. Its ruling planet is Sukra or Venus, the graha of pleasure.

The shadow side of Purva Phalguni is vanity, narcissism and indulgence. An interest in black magic or left-handed tantra may occur. This nakshatra can be fierce or severe in nature if afflicted. The rock star and actress Madonna has both her rising sign and natal Moon in this lunar mansion. The Pubba person may crave change and exhibit an impulsive and disturbed mind. They may crave stimulation and sensual excitement. Mick Jagger's Venus reside here. A promiscuous nature with an addictive personality may result. A showy image that reflects arrogance and pride can be seen here. These people must learn to control their sensory attachments and cultivate generosity, humility, kindness and loyalty to those close to them.

<sup>1</sup> Frawley, David. *Shaktis of the Nakshatras*. 1998.

## Purva Phalguni at a Glance

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Range:	13° 20' – 26° 40' Leo
Symbols:	Swinging hammock, couch, two front legs of a bed
Ruling Planet:	Venus
Nature:	Manushya (human)
Primary Motivation:	Kama (desire)
Animal Symbol:	Female Rat
Direction:	North
Sounds:	Mo Taa Tee Too
Qualities:	Tamas/Rajas/Tamas
Deity:	Bhaga, the God of Good Fortune; Shiva Lingam

### **Purva Phalguni on the Ascendant**

Gifts in music, dance, drama  
Attractive, sensual nature, charismatic  
Creative intelligence, learned  
Good health, vital nature  
Leadership, government positions

### **Famous People**

Madonna, Mozart  
John F. Kennedy, Jr.  
Chakrapani Ullal  
Jean Houston  
Richard Nixon, Henry VIII,  
George Bush, FDR

### **Moon in Purva Phalguni**

Creative intelligence, love of drama  
Leadership skills, self-employed  
Love of travel, a wanderer  
Sweet speech, generosity, beauty  
Mystical nature, teaching skill

Disturbed mind, fond of sex

### **Famous People**

Dustin Hoffman  
Ted Kennedy, JFK  
John Travolta  
Robert Redford  
Shirley McClaine,  
Rudolf Steiner  
Marquis de Sade, Madonna

### **Sun in Purva Phalguni**

Gifted in the performing arts, vanity  
Sense of humor, playfulness  
Regal quality, self-confidence  
Recognition thru connection with women  
A showman, gifts in teaching and sales  
Athletic ability, pitta nature

### **Famous People**

Richard Gere  
Lily Tomlin, Raquel Welch  
Liz Greene, Charles Kuralt  
Michael Keaton  
Werner Erhard  
Jimmy Connors,  
Roger Maris

### **Purva Phalguni Career Interests**

Actors, musicians, models  
Business managers, retail sales  
Radio, television, photography  
Cosmetics, jewelry, wedding planners  
Government service, politicians  
Teachers, professors  
Sex and marital therapists

### **Health Issues**

Skin problems, lips  
Addiction issues  
Heart trouble  
Blood circulation  
Venereal disease  
Accidents with fire

## Uttara Phalguni

26° 40' Leo to 10° 00' Virgo

The twelfth nakshatra, Uttara Phalguni resides in two fixed stars at the tail of the Lion but extends into the constellation of Virgo. Called the "latter reddish one," it is ruled by the Sun and has a strong Mercury influence in its last three padas. The first pada (3° 20') is located in Leo, ruled by the Sun, which can bring tremendous opportunities for growth and creative expansion. The successful movie director Oliver Stone has both his natal Sun and Mercury in this pada. This segment of Uttara Phalguni helps the individual overcome any feeling of constraint or creative restriction. The remaining three padas may reveal yogic powers and encourage the exploration of life's deep mysteries.

The symbol for Uttara Phalguni is a bed or two rear legs of a cot, which emphasizes healing others. The residing deity is Aryaman, who rules leadership, honor, nobility, and the rules of society. He helps alleviate the suffering of humanity and helps the friend in need. This lunar mansion is connected to friendship, helpfulness and a loving nature. Its power is the giving of prosperity (*chayani shakti*) through marriage or union.<sup>1</sup> Aryaman governs marriage contracts and protects family inheritance. Shiva and Shakti were married under this asterism. Thus, family unity is emphasized in this lunar mansion.

Called the "Star of Patronage," kindness and compassion for humanity are experienced here. These natives are generally happy people, loved by all due to their generous dispositions. They earn money and success through formal education as well as experiential learning. This asterism creates leaders in their fields who are stable and successful with many fine qualities. Courage, endurance, ambition, and fighting for righteous causes may be observed. Spiritual growth and mental expansion can

take an individual to great heights with well-directed efforts here. Its primary motivation is moksha.

The shadow side for Uttara Phalguni people is a deep sense of loneliness if they are not involved in a meaningful relationship. Issues of co-dependency and over-giving may be present. Resentment and ingratitude toward significant others may result. The individual must learn to befriend aloneness instead of feeling lonely. A danger in meddling in black magic or left-handed tantra can occur because of the desire to control others. The animal symbol for this nakshatra is a bull which can reflect a determined but stubborn nature. A critical streak may be observed.

## Uttara Phalguni at a Glance

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Range:	26° 40' Leo – 10° 00' Virgo
Symbol:	Bed or legs of a cot
Ruling Planet:	Sun
Nature:	Manushya (human)
Primary Motivation:	Moksha (spiritual liberation)
Animal Symbol:	Male Cow (bull)
Direction:	East
Sounds:	Tay To Paa Pee
Qualities:	Tamas/Rajas/Sattwa
Deity:	Arayman, God of Patronage, Son of Aditi

### **Uttara Phalguni on the Ascendant**

Attractive, wealthy, several mates

Generous, proud

Sensual nature, beautiful

Intelligent, talent in business

Skilled with hands, humanitarian

Mystical powers, intuitive

### **Famous People**

Warren Beatty,

Hugh Hefner

Shirley McClaine

Brooke Shields

Harrison Ford, Ira Proloff

Hank Aaron

Tiger Woods

### **Moon in Uttara Phalguni**

Well-liked, successful, stable

Respected, much comfort and luxury

Good intelligence, inventive mind

Happy, friendly nature

Good for marriage, best period 38-62

Tactful, independent, clean-hearted

### **Famous People**

Sean Connery

Jack Nicholson

Alexander Graham Bell

Jonathan Winters

Mel Gibson

Agatha Christie

### **Sun in Uttara Phalguni**

Humanitarian concern, leadership

Fond of reading and writing

Confident, strong pride, arrogance

Successful retirement and end of life

Love of the creative arts

### **Famous People**

Oliver Stone

Ken Kesey

Michael Douglas,

Jeremy Irons

H.G. Wells

Ray Charles, Sophia Loren

### **Uttara Phalguni Career Interests**

Social worker, philanthropists

Writers, actors, media personalities

Healing arts, state health employees

Astrologers, astronomers, mathematicians

Business minded people, sales

### **Health Issues**

Lips and mouth

Sexual organs

Hands and arms

Skin sensitivities

Digestive trouble

## Hasta

10° 00' to 23° 20' Virgo

The thirteenth nakshatra is named Hasta and resides entirely within the constellation of the Virgin. Symbolized by a hand, Hasta consists of five stars (fingers) corresponding to the constellation of Corvus, the crow. It is observed in the sky as an open hand giving blessings to humanity.

The ruling planet is the Moon, with Mercury ruling the sign of Virgo. Thus, a strong mental nature resulting in creative intelligence and good speech can occur. Mercury is exalted in this lunar mansion. Purity of thought and deed with the power of self-control is experienced here. Hasta people usually have a pleasant, humorous temperament. Its natives may be skilled in arts and craftsmanship. Hasta gives the ability to achieve our goals in a complete and immediate manner. They have an industrious, hard working and service-oriented nature.

The deity of this asterism is Savitar, the Sun God who imparts creative and transforming energy. Its power is the ability to manifest what we are seeking and to place it in our hands (*hasta sthapaniya agama shakti*).<sup>1</sup> Savitar is the vivifier who gives life and aids in childbirth. Powerful healing intelligence that can remove ignorance is possible here. Virgo is the traditional sign of the zodiac associated with healing. Hasta promotes the practice of meditation, yoga and other practical methods of self-development. The primary motivation of Hasta is moksha and its temperament is Deva-like. A flexible, chameleon-like quality to change and take on new shapes may be observed. The prowess and strength to withstand confrontation is also available here.

Hardships, impediments and restraints may occur early in life. Poverty or lack of success may be experienced until the individual focuses on the spiritual path. Health issues may result

due to the sensitive nature of Hasta because of the Moon/Mercury influence here. Virgo is also the most vulnerable sign of the zodiac with regard to health issues. The importance of controlling the immediate environment is emphasized. Green, lush environments can be very healing. A critical, impatient nature results when a Hasta person is under stress. A clever, cunning personality can develop here. A merciless, thievish mind may occur. The controversial teacher and salesman Werner Erhard has his natal Mercury placed in Hasta.

<sup>1</sup> Frawley, David. *Shaktis of the Nakshatras*. 1998.

## Hasta at a Glance

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Range:	10° 00' – 23° 20' Virgo
Symbol:	Palm of the hand
Ruling Planet:	Moon
Nature:	Deva (god-like)
Primary Motivation:	Moksha
Animal Symbol:	Female Buffalo
Direction:	South
Sounds:	Pu Sha Na Thaa
Qualities:	Tamas/Tamas/Rajas
Deity:	Savitar, the Sun God

### **Hasta on the Ascendant**

Likeable, sociable, entertaining  
Attractive, sensitive, artistic  
Respected  
Eloquent in speech  
Fond of travel  
Thievish mind  
Humanitarian, serves the public

### **Famous People**

Bill Clinton, John Lennon  
Cat Stevens  
Denzel Washington  
Richard Chamberlain  
Andy Griffith  
Sonny Bono  
Jacques Cousteau

### **Moon in Hasta**

Creative, industrious in work, practical  
Sweet smile, attractive,  
wealth late in life  
Make quick friendships,  
remain unattached  
Inclined toward intoxication, cunning  
Many ups and downs in life  
Moody nature

### **Famous People**

Madame Blavatsky  
Rudolph Valentino  
Jimmy Carter  
Burt Reynolds  
Bob Newhart  
Richard Burton  
Nicole Simpson  
Robert Duvall

### **Sun in Hasta**

Love of knowledge and writing  
Skilled with hands, attention to detail  
Excellent memory and analytical ability  
Interest in astrology and the occult  
Gifts in music, dance, drama

### **Famous People**

Anne Rice, Chevy Chase  
John Lennon, Sting  
Jimmy Carter  
Marc Edmund Jones  
Julie Andrews,  
Susan Sarandon

### **Hasta Career Interests**

Painters, artists, craftsmen  
Scholars, teachers, writers  
Sales, communications, public relations  
Hospital and volunteer work, healers  
Travel industry, conference planners  
Astrologers, palm readers

### **Health Issues**

Sensitive nervous system  
Bowels, colon problems  
Dysentery  
Colds and allergies  
Skin irritations  
Hands

## Chitra

23° 20' Virgo to 6° 40' Libra

Chitra, the “star of opportunity,” is beautifully reflected by the fixed star, Spica. It is symbolized by a bright jewel or pearl representing the divine spirit within us. Chitra means “the brilliant,” “the bright,” or “the beautiful.” It reflects the many, variegated colors seen in the radiance of a white star. Chitra also translates as a painting or work of art suggesting “pretty pictures” or something pleasing to look at. Artistic talent and ability to arrange things creatively is observed here. Chitra people are usually attractive, charismatic and possess dynamic personal charm. They are excellent conversationalists. They usually wear bright and colorful clothing and jewelry. Chitra also has a fondness for flowers, garlands and other objects of natural beauty. This nakshatra is *mridu* or soft in nature. Chitra’s influence is excellent for learning music, dance and drama.

The presiding deity is Tvashtar or Vishvakarma, the celestial architect of the universe. He is the master of maya and magic who fashioned the thunderbolts of Indra and the chalice of Soma. Tvashtar represents prosperity, regenerative power and longevity. Its power is the ability to accumulate merit in this life (*punya cayani shakti*).<sup>1</sup> Chitra is one of the most mystical nakshatras and has a deep spiritual depth. Sudden flashes of inspiration and the urge to realize one’s true self is encouraged here. Mars is the ruling planet, reflecting the strong desire to explore the caverns of the soul. Chitra allows us to gain the fruit of our good karma that comes through righteous activity.

The challenges of Chitra involve strong sexual desires that must be harnessed. Its animal symbol is a female tiger, and it is sometimes associated with serpents. A passionate, seductive persona can develop. The primary motivation of Chitra is *kama* or desire. Chitra people usually have beautiful eyes and a well-proportioned body. A smug, arrogant, self-indulgent nature

can also result. According to Bepin Behari, there is a “tendency to give a reply on any matter without forethought and then wake up at the eleventh hour and try to rectify one’s utterances when it is too late.”<sup>2</sup> Chitra’s temperament is demonic in nature. Chitra can reflect the world of maya and delusory appearances. It is connected with the work of magicians and other masters of illusion. A strong ego and self-centeredness can occur here. Chitra people should focus on allowing the ego to die. They should remember what the word ego stands for... Edging God Out.

<sup>1</sup> Frawley, David. *Shaktis of the Nakshatras*. 1998.

<sup>2</sup> Behari, Bepin. *Myths and Symbols of Vedic Astrology*. Salt Lake City, UT: Passage Press, 1990.

## Chitra at a Glance

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Range:	23° 20' Virgo – 6° 40' Libra
Symbol:	Pearl or bright jewel
Ruling Planet:	Mars
Nature:	Rakshasa (demon)
Primary Motivation:	Kama (desire)
Animal Symbol:	Female Tiger
Direction:	West
Sounds:	Pay Poe Ra Ree
Qualities:	Tamas/Tamas/Tamas
Deity:	Tvashtar, the celestial architect

### **Chitra on the Ascendant**

Strong ego, engaged in a variety of pursuits  
Wealthy, lives away from birthplace  
Wears colorful clothes, jewelry,  
Expressive nature, graceful  
Desire for spiritual liberation, honest

### **Famous People**

Adolf Hitler, JFK,  
Frank Sinatra  
Nelson Rockefeller  
Ellen Burstyn, Cary Grant  
Christian Dior  
Ramana Maharshi

### **Moon in Chitra**

Beautiful body, attractive eyes, artistic  
Strong sexual appetite, great lovers  
Recognized even in a large crowd

### **Famous People**

Richard Chamberlain  
Wilt Chamberlain  
George Bush,  
Nicholas Cage  
Dwight Eisenhower  
Marie Antoinette  
K. N. Rao, Jim Lewis,  
Sidney Poitier

### **Sun in Chitra**

Warrior nature, militant  
Cunning, harsh at times  
Interest in art, photography, music  
Strong need for recognition

### **Famous People**

Evander Holyfield  
Margaret Thatcher,  
Barbara Walters  
Tim Robbins  
Deepak Chopra,  
Eleanor Roosevelt

### **Chitra Career Interests**

Interior design, architects, jewelers  
Lawyers, judges, priests  
Religious people, learned in the Vedas  
Publications, radio, TV, film  
Armed forces, police detective

### **Health Issues**

Ulcers, stomach  
Kidney problems  
Sunstroke, forehead  
Wounds from insects  
Skin allergies

## Swati

6° 40' to 20° 00' Libra

The fifteenth nakshatra is called Swati, which resides entirely with the sign of Libra, the scales. It is primarily located near the golden star Arcturus, the brightest single star in the constellation Bootis. Swati means "the sword" and reflects a strong desire for independence. A sweet spoken, virtuous and compassionate nature is cultivated here. Called the "self-going" star, it is pictured as a young single shoot blown by the wind. Swati people have an ability to "bend with the wind" in order to survive the forces of change which they may encounter.

The deity that rules Swati is Vayu, the demigod of wind, air, breath, and prana. Vayu is the purifier and cleanser that represents the movement of pranayama that pervades the universe and sustains life. It gives the power to scatter like the wind (*pradhvamsa shakti*).<sup>1</sup> A restless and adventurous nature can result. Swati is ruled by Rahu, an airy planet, and is located in the air sign of Libra. Saturn, a vata planet, is exalted here. Swati reflects disciplined energy and the powers of communication to influence others. The great talk show host Johnny Carson has his Sun, Mercury and Lagna in Swati. These people are often business oriented and clever in trade and commerce.

Swati people are very eager to learn and can show intense passion toward life. This asterism's symbol is coral, which has strong intuitive and psychic properties. Swati also translates as "the priest" and its natives are usually learned in theology. They are often modest, compassionate, virtuous and communicate with sweetness. Swati's nature is quite self-controlled and emphasizes the principles of *dharma* or right action. Swati people are usually generous and charitable to people doing religious work. Swati is a Deva nakshatra with the animal symbol being a male buffalo. In addition, a female deity that is also associated with this asterism is Saraswati, the goddess of learning.

The shadow side of Swati is self-centeredness with the primary objective being personal gain. A divine discontent and restless spirit may be experienced. Swati causes things to move and scatter. This can be destructive energy unless the individual learns how to use his or her power to remove negativity in a constructive way. Thus, Swati people may exhibit both healing as well as destructive tendencies. They are very sensitive souls and need solitude to balance their vata nature. Ultimately, the lesson is to overcome one's sensory and material attachments. Swati's primary motivation is *artha* or material prosperity. Rahu, the ruling planet, can create a strong desire for financial success and lust for life. After these natives have found success in the world, then their spiritual journey can truly begin.

<sup>1</sup> Frawley, David. *Shaktis of the Nakshatras*. 1998.

## Swati at a Glance

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Range:	6° 40' - 20° 00' Libra
Symbol:	Coral
Ruling Planet:	Rahu
Nature:	Deva (god-like)
Primary Motivation:	Artha (material prosperity)
Animal Symbol:	Male Buffalo
Direction:	North
Sounds:	Ru Ray Ra Tha
Qualities:	Tamas/Tamas/Sattwa
Deity:	Vayu, the demigod of wind, Saraswati

### **Swati on the Ascendant**

Kind, happy, humorous

Dresses simply, religious

Interest in psychology, medicine

Political nature

Lives away from birthplace

### **Famous People**

Johnny Carson, Charlie  
Chaplin, Groucho Marx  
Mahatma Ghandi  
Sigmund Freud,  
Alfred Adler  
Gloria Steinem  
Oliver Stone,  
William Levacy

### **Moon in Swati**

Righteous, compassionate, truthful

Fame, clever speech, generous nature

Adamant, hot-tempered, independent

Trouble with marriage, traveller

Wealth, greater advancement after 30

Humanitarian concern, charitable

### **Famous People**

Sri Meher Baba  
Charlie Chaplin  
Harry Truman,  
George Harrison  
James Dean, Hank Aaron  
Nelson Rockefeller  
Edith Hathaway,  
Whoopi Goldberg

### **Sun in Swati**

Self-employed, business skill, logical

Good social status, authority figure

Troubles with government,

fall from grace

Always looking for future success

Difficulties with father

### **Famous People**

Bill Gates  
Johnny Carson  
Hilary Clinton  
Larry Flynt  
Robert Duval, Kevin Kline  
Roseanne, Richard Dreyfus

### **Swati Career Interests**

Business skill, sales

Yoga teachers, priests

Legal profession, judges

Transportation, travel industry

Stock brokers

Traders in drugs and alcohol

### **Health Issues**

Hernia

Eczema, skin problems

Urinary, bladder

Kidneys

Flatulence

Intestinal problems

## Vishakha

20° 00' Libra to 3° 20' Scorpio

The sixteenth lunar mansion is named Vishakha, the "star of purpose." It resides primarily in the constellation of Libra and consists of four stars forming the scales while extending toward the sign of the Scorpion. This nakshatra is thus called "the forked" or "two branched." Vishakha is sometimes represented by an image of a large tree with spreading branches providing protection for others. It also suggests one who slowly grows in influence and can produce great fruit as one ripens with age. It is also known as Radha, "the delightful" or "success." Devotees of Krishna may reside here. The other symbols for Vishakha are an archway or triumphal gateway decorated with leaves and a potter's wheel.

The deities are Indra, the God of transformation and Agni, the God of fire. Combined they reflect the energy, strength, and potential power of this asterism. Jupiter is the ruling planet of Vishakha which gives enthusiasm, faith, optimism and hope for the future. It provides the power to achieve many and various fruits in life (*vyapani shakti*).<sup>1</sup> Vishakha is reflected through plowing, cultivation and finally obtaining the fruit of the harvest. It helps the individual attain his or her goals abundantly through the passage of time, like a farmer plowing his field. Another image for Vishakha is a potter sitting patiently at the potter's wheel creating his art. This lunar mansion can give an individual the patience, persistence and determination to accomplish any task. Its natives are courageous souls who experience success in the second half of life.

The shadow side can be an aggressive, dictatorial nature. These people can win the battle, but lose the war by pushing their agendas too strongly. A quarrelsome personality may be present here. There can be issues with suppressed anger and

frustration. They may try to fulfill too many ambitions. Vishakha people can be envious or covetous of the success of others. They may lack a strong social network of friends and feel isolated and alone against the world. Bitterness and resentment may result. The Moon is debilitated in the last segment or *pada* (3° 20') of this lunar mansion. Vishakha has a rakshasa temperament and a strong sexual appetite. Problems due to romantic affairs and infidelity can occur. Issues of betrayal and disappointment can occur in early marriage. This reflects the story of Radha's love affair with Krishna. Although Radha's divine love affair may be morally questioned, it is also characterized by *prema* (selfless love for the beloved).<sup>2</sup> Selfless love is what Krishna truly desired from his devotees. Success in relationships can be experienced later in life. Vishakha does not give immediate results, but profits and gains over time.

<sup>1</sup> Frawley, David. *Shaktis of the Nakshatras*. 1998.

<sup>2</sup> Kinsley, David. *Hindu Goddesses*. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press, 1988.

## Vishakha at a Glance

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Range:	20° 00' Libra – 3° 20' Scorpio
Symbols:	Archway, potter's wheel
Ruling Planet:	Jupiter
Nature:	Rakshasa (demon)
Primary Motivation:	Dharma (right activity)
Animal Symbol:	Male Tiger
Direction:	East
Sounds:	Thee Thoo They Tho
Qualities:	Tamas/Sattwa/Rajas
Deities:	Indra, Agni

### **Vishakha on the Ascendant**

Aggressive, impatient, easily angered  
Wise, devoted to forms of worship  
Wealthy, politically inclined

Astrological knowledge, mystical

### **Famous People**

Napoleon Bonaparte  
David Frawley  
Clint Eastwood,  
Margaret Thatcher  
Jeffrey Green,  
Nick Campion

### **Moon in Vishakha**

Intelligence of the highest order

Speaks convincingly, writer  
Bright appearance, attracts a crowd  
Leadership, lives away from family  
Treats all religions as one, truthful  
Politically inclined, humanitarian

### **Famous People**

Swami Muktananda,  
Buddha  
Robert Hand, Jimmy Carter  
Warren Beatty  
Alexander the Great  
Uri Geller  
Mario Cuomo

### **Sun in Vishakha**

Self-centered nature, ambitious

Introverted, secretive nature

Troubles with authority figures, father  
Research oriented, scientific

Restless nature, alcohol problems

### **Famous People**

Demi Moore,  
Tonya Harding  
Prince Charles,  
Joni Mitchell  
Whoopi Goldberg  
Carl Sagan,  
Michel Gauquelin  
Richard Burton,  
Charles Manson

### **Vishakha Career Interests**

Researchers, scientists  
Military leaders  
Writers, public speakers  
Politicians, lawyers

### **Health Issues**

Breasts  
Arms  
Reproductive problems  
Stomach

## Anuradha

3° 20' to 16° 40' Scorpio

The seventeenth nakshatra, Anuradha contains three stars in the body of the Scorpion. In this constellation lies the star Alpha Centauri, which is the closest star to our solar system. The stars of Anuradha are depicted as a staff or a row of offerings to the Gods. Its primary symbol is a lotus flower, which reflects the ability and perseverance to blossom in the midst of life's trials and tribulations. The ruling planet is Saturn, which reveals the spiritual challenges to be faced in Anuradha. This lunar mansion resides entirely within the constellation of Scorpio which is ruled by Mars. The Mars impulse creates brave and courageous people who love to travel and move from place to place. They can reside in foreign lands and achieve success away from their homeland. Anuradha people usually possess good health and vitality. Called the "star of success," Anuradha natives can demonstrate organizational skills and call others to activity.

The residing deity is Mitra, the God of friendship and partnership who promotes cooperation among humanity. Mitra is a benevolent Sun God imparting compassion, devotion, and love. Anuradha gives the power of worship (*radhana shakti*).<sup>1</sup> This nakshatra creates balance in relationships by honoring others as well as themselves. Another important deity is Radha, the consort of Krishna and the feminine manifestation of the energy of God who encourages all beings to serve the Lord. Anuradha is devic in nature with the animal symbol being a female deer or hare. Anuradha has the ability to create and maintain friendships while remaining quite fixed to its aspirations and goals. Its primary motivation is dharma or right activity. Fame and recognition can be attained through friendly cooperation with other people.

Anuradha people may have issues with jealousy and a desire to control others. Scorpio is a fixed sign that likes to manage people and life events. However, they are rarely satisfied with their place of residence and move quite frequently. There can be pitfalls and hardships in early life. Abuse of occult powers for selfish ends may result. Low frustration tolerance and issues with anger may be part of their personality makeup. Saddam Hussein's natal Moon is tightly conjunct Mars and Rahu in this asterism. The Moon in Scorpio is in its neecha or debilitated sign. A melancholy nature due to the lack of maternal nurturing may be experienced here. They need to watch their dietary habits due to an inability to bear hunger or thirst. They have a strong appetite for life in general.

<sup>1</sup> Frawley, David. *Shaktis of the Nakshatras*. 1998.

## Anuradha at a Glance

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Range:	3° 20' – 16° 40' Scorpio
Symbol:	Lotus, Archway
Ruling Planet:	Saturn
Nature:	Deva (god-like)
Primary Motivation:	Dharma (right activity)
Animal Symbol:	Female Deer or Hare
Direction:	South
Sounds:	Naa Nee Noo Nay
Qualities:	Tamas/Sattwa/Tamas
Deities:	Mitra; Radha, devotee of Krishna

### **Anuradha on the Ascendant**

Attractive, passionate, a wanderer  
 Psychic, devoted to spiritual pursuits  
 Secretive nature, moody  
 Need to watch diet, promiscuous  
 Fond of family life, groups,  
 organizations

### **Famous People**

James Dean  
 Jean Dixon, Bruce Lee  
 Nietzsche, Kevin Kline  
 Marlon Brando  
 Shirley Temple Black

### **Moon in Anuradha**

Wise, truthful, kind-hearted  
 Charismatic, hard working, brave  
 Wealthy, handle difficult situations  
 Problems with maternal relationships  
 Come what may, they march forward

### **Famous People**

Ram Dass, Alex Haley  
 Chakrapani Ullal  
 Kevin Costner  
 Steve Allen  
 Saddam Hussein,  
 Gerard Depardieu

### **Sun in Anuradha**

Leadership ability, interest in politics  
 Important group affiliations, successful  
 Wealthy, respected, responsible  
 Athletic, physical strength, determined  
 Gifts in the fine arts, creative

### **Famous People**

Indira Gandhi, Sai Baba  
 Mickey Mouse  
 Jodie Foster  
 Joe Dimaggio,  
 Boris Becker  
 Woody Allen, Calvin Klein,  
 Jimi Hendrix, Tina Turner

### **Anuradha Career Interests**

Business management,  
 organizational skills  
 Travel industry, conference planners  
 Dentists, plumbers  
 Criminal lawyers  
 Actors, musicians  
 Mining engineers

### **Health Issues**

Stomach, bowels  
 Constipation, piles  
 Irregular menses, womb  
 Sore throat, colds  
 Breast problems

## Jyeshtha

16° 40' to 30° 00' Scorpio

The eighteenth lunar mansion is Jyeshtha which contains the brilliant red star, Antares, which is located near the heart of the Scorpion. Antares literally means the rival of Mars, because they are often confused with each other. It is located in the sign of Scorpio which is also ruled by Mars. A combination of power, independence and a sense of danger are experienced here. Jyeshtha translates as the "chief" star, "seniormost" or the "eldest." Jyeshtha symbolizes that which has seniority in many ways; the oldest, the most powerful, the most praiseworthy. According to Valerie Roebuck, Jyeshtha also means the "eldest queen" of the Moon God, Soma, who was superseded in her husband's romantic affections by his younger wives.<sup>1</sup> Interestingly, Jyeshtha is directly opposed by the nakshatra Rohini, the favorite wife.

The chief deity is Indra, the King of the Gods and protector of heroes. He is the divine warrior and "dragon slayer." He rides the mighty elephant, carries the thunderbolt and demonstrates the power of truth. Indra is known for his daring nature, courage, power, and glory. He has the power to rise and conquer and gain courage in battle (*arohana* shakti).<sup>2</sup> Interestingly, Indra defeats the dragon by courage and cunning, not by the strength of arms.

Jyeshtha is symbolized by an earring or circular talisman which may represent Vishnu's disc. The ruling planet is Mercury, which is a reflection of Vishnu. Mental brilliance and analytical ability are experienced here. There is the capacity to achieve an elevated position in life and accomplish things skillfully. Creative genius can be experienced through Jyeshtha. Albert Einstein, Mozart and Beethoven all had their natal Moons placed here. In addition, Walt Disney had his natal Sun in Jyeshtha.

If afflicted, Jyeshtha can cause poverty and a fall from grace. The eccentric billionaire Howard Hughes had his natal Moon located in Jyeshtha. These people may have few friends and desire seclusion. A secretive or hypocritical nature may be observed. They can be involved in religious practices while simultaneously entrenched in materialistic pursuits. The primary motivation of Jyeshtha is artha or material prosperity. Its motto is that it is much easier to meditate on a balanced check book. Internal conflicts about one's self-image and self-esteem can result. Arrogance, pride, and egotism must be held in check. These natives may possess an irritable and combative nature. Jyeshtha allows us to reach the summit of personal power, but it requires great control and self-effort.

<sup>1</sup> Roebuck, Valerie. *The Circle of Stars*. Shaftesbury: Element Books, 1991.

<sup>2</sup> Frawley, David. *Shaktis of the Nakshatras*. 1998.

## **Iyeshtha at a Glance**

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Range:	16° 40' - 30° 00' Scorpio
Symbol:	Earring, umbrella
Ruling Planet:	Mercury
Nature:	Rakshasa (demon)
Primary Motivation:	Artha (material prosperity)
Animal Symbol:	Male Deer or Hare
Direction:	West
Sounds:	No Yaa Yee Yoo
Qualities:	Tamas/Sattwa/Sattwa
Deity:	Indra, the King of the Gods

### **Jyeshtha on the Ascendant**

Honored, intent on their dharma  
Writing skill, smooth and respected  
Loose morals and much passion  
Many friends, well liked  
Love of children, charitable

### **Famous People**

Bob Dylan, Stan Grof  
Herman Hesse  
Elvis Presley  
Jodie Foster  
Princess Diana

### **Moon in Jyeshtha**

Virtuous, but irritable at times  
Musical gifts, obstinate nature  
Good stamina, many job changes  
Trouble early in life, tormented

Great wealth or poverty

### **Famous People**

Albert Einstein, Nietzsche  
Mozart, Beethoven  
Al Pacino, Werner Erhard  
Vincent van Gogh,  
Ted Bundy  
Howard Hughes,  
Tiger Woods

### **Sun in Jyeshtha**

Attains fame, but desires seclusion  
Ambitious nature, hard-working  
High social status,  
good executive ability  
Family obligations and responsibilities  
Imaginative and innovative mind

### **Famous People**

Frank Sinatra  
Walt Disney, Robert Hand  
Winston Churchill  
  
Sinead O'Conner  
William Blake, Gianni  
Versace, Jim Morrison

### **Jyeshtha Career Interests**

Self-employed, management  
Military leaders  
Musicians, dancers, modeling  
Police detectives, engineers  
Intellectuals, philosophers

### **Health Issues**

Genital organs, ovaries  
Muscular problems  
Neck pain, earaches, colds  
Stomach trouble  
Breast cancer

## Mula

0° 00' to 13° 20' Sagittarius

The nineteenth nakshatra, Mula represents the beginning of the last group of nakshatras, which reflect a *sattwic* or spiritual orientation. Mula translates as "the root" and is symbolized by a tied bunch of roots. It is also depicted as "the tail of a lion" and is located in a group of stars that form the scorpion's tail. This star constellation is near the serpent holder or Ophiuchus which marks the galactic center. It marks the end of materialism and the beginning of spiritualization. Mula is also called the "root star," "the original star," or "the foundation star."

The ruler of this lunar mansion is Ketu, the South Node of the Moon. The Mula individual may possess a deep philosophical nature and an inquisitive mind that enjoys exploring the roots of any subject. The entire nakshatra resides in the sign of Sagittarius, ruled by Jupiter. The person may experience much wealth and luxury through Mula. It may also create the dissolution of fame and money. Howard Hughes had his natal Sun and Jimmy Swaggart his Lagna residing in this asterism.

The deity of this nakshatra is Nirriti, the goddess of destruction, who lives in the kingdom of the dead. Mula is often associated with butchers, violence and cruelty. Arrogance, egotism, lust and anger can be experienced here. Nirriti means "calamity" and can indicate an individual tied to a position of misfortune. Nirriti, being the goddess of destruction, has the power to ruin, destroy and break things apart (*barhana* shakti).<sup>1</sup> It reveals the necessary dissolution to proceed to a new life. Nirriti is also called Alakshmi or the denial of Lakshmi (prosperity). She is also depicted as Kali, the fierce goddess who wears a necklace of skulls, representing the heads of ignorance.

Mula inflicts pain, but the pain is intended to set the person on the right track toward God-realization. It leads the person to seek divine help. Mula people can be very devoted to a spiritual path and learn to transmute the animality of the ego in to spirit. Their animal symbol is a male dog and their nature is rakshasic or demon. Mula is a *tikshna* (sharp or dreadful) nakshatra which can be related to black magic, casting spells, exorcism, punishment and even murder. Powerful, bold and brash activities can occur under its influence. They must learn to control their passions. For the Mula person, pain is inevitable, suffering is optional.

<sup>1</sup> Frawley, David. *Shaktis of the Nakshatras*. 1998.

## Mula at a Glance

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Range:	00° 00' – 13° 20' Sagittarius
Symbol:	Tied bunch of roots, the tail of the lion
Ruling Planet:	Ketu, the South Node of the Moon
Nature:	Rakshasa (demon)
Primary Motivation:	Kama (desire)
Animal Symbol:	Male Dog
Direction:	North
Sounds:	Yey Yo Baa Bee
Qualities:	Sattwa/Rajas/Rajas
Deity:	Nirriti, the goddess of dissolution

### **Mula on the Ascendant**

Ambitious and independent  
Attractive, learned, philosophical

Skilled and clever, suspicious  
Marital turmoil, issues with anger  
Health complaints, overcome illness

### **Famous People**

Jimi Hendrix  
Sophia Loren,  
Priscilla Presley  
Jimmy Swaggart  
Jim Jones, Danny DeVito  
Joe Frazier

### **Moon in Mula**

Proud, attractive, fixed mind  
Peace loving, gives spiritual advice  
Good oratory skills,  
success in foreign lands  
Wealthy, luxurious habits,  
spends money on friends  
Soft disposition, charitable nature

### **Famous People**

Al Gore  
Dalai Lama  
Billy Graham  
  
Arnold Schwarzenegger,  
Judy Garland  
Sri Aurobindo

### **Sun in Mula**

Fame, success, wealth  
Powerful, strong, dictatorial nature  
Psychic, mystical interests  
Athletic ability, courage  
  
Humanitarian concern, noble  
  
Spiritual leadership, gives good advice

### **Famous People**

Howard Hughes  
Brad Pitt, Jane Fonda  
Uri Geller, Henry Miller  
Alberto Tomba,  
Denzel Washington  
Steven Spielberg,  
Arthur Clarke  
Swami Satchidananda

### **Mula Career Interests**

Public speakers, writers  
Philosophers, spiritual teachers  
Spiritual teachers  
Lawyers, politicians  
Doctors, pharmacists  
Business and sales

### **Health Issues**

Hip and thigh problems  
Sciatic nerve troubles  
Foot problems  
Obesity, liver issues  
Mental vacillation

## Purva Ashadha

13° 20' to 26° 40' Sagittarius

The twentieth nakshatra, Purva Ashadha resides entirely within the constellation of Sagittarius and consists of two stars (Kaus Borealis and Kaus Australis) which form the archer's bow. The stars were thought to look like a fan or winnowing basket which is used for ridding corn of its husks. The ruling planet is Venus, reflecting the popularity (the person's name is fanned around a lot) of this asterism. Jupiter rules the sign of Sagittarius which is connected with the elephant headed God, Ganesha. Purva Ashadha means "the undefeated" or "unsubdued" and is called "the invincible star." Its natives are very proud people with the ability to influence and empathize with the masses. Purva Ashadha usually brings fame, wealth, fertility and much wisdom.

The deity of this lunar mansion is Apas, representing the cosmic waters deified as God, depicted as the causal waters spreading in all directions and giving rise to the affairs of humanity. This also relates to the concept of spreading one's name and reputation throughout the land. Its power is that of invigoration (*varchograhana shakti*).<sup>1</sup> Varuna is also mentioned as a residing deity due to his protection of the seas and the giving of rain. He pervades all things, representing the inner law of higher truth. There can be flashes of intuition in this nakshatra which provide valuable insight into the workings of divine law.

Purva Ashadha people can reveal a deeply philosophical and spiritual nature as the the corn husks of the ego are stripped away. Their primary motivation is moksha or spiritual liberation. They usually possess a strong need to continually improve their life situation. Purva Ashadha brings about purification and regeneration through "early victories" in life. For

example, the youthful golf professional Tiger Woods has his natal Sun in this nakshatra. These people have an independent nature with many friends to support their aspirations.

The shadow side of Purva Ashadha is hubris and an egoic nature. These natives can exhibit an over-expansive nature, and usually do what they like without considering others' opinions. They are good debaters and can defeat anyone in an argument. They can become obstinate and will not submit to the demands of anyone. The infamous dictator, Adolf Hitler, had his natal Moon in this nakshatra. Mental aggression and self-deception may be present. Sometimes the native will exhibit his negative qualities to a magnified extent to help the person work through the lessons. Purification and cleansing of the pride and ego can result if the individual can surrender to God's will.

<sup>1</sup> Frawley, David. *Shaktis of the Nakshatras*. 1998.

## Purva Ashadha at a Glance

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Range:	13° 20' – 26° 40' Sagittarius
Symbols:	Fan, Winnowing Basket
Ruling Planet:	Venus
Nature:	Manushya (human)
Primary Motivation:	Moksha (spiritual liberation)
Animal Symbol:	Male Monkey
Direction:	East
Sounds:	Bu Dhaa Pha Dha
Qualities:	Sattwa/Rajas/Tamas
Deity:	Apas, the Water God, Varuna, the God of Rain

### **Purva Ashadha on the Ascendant**

Proud nature, positions of high respect  
Faithful to their mate, good marriage  
Humble, many friends and children  
Educational handicaps can occur  
Strong interest in law and politics

### **Famous People**

James Earl Jones  
Paul Newman  
Dustin Hoffman  
Dennis Rodman  
J. Edgar Hoover,  
Earl Warren

### **Moon in Purva Ashadha**

Attractive, charismatic leader  
Obstinate, convincing power, dictatorial  
  
Intelligent, good communicator  
Highly philosophical nature, writing skill  
Strong attachment to certain friends

### **Famous People**

Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh  
Adolf Hitler,  
Ernest Hemingway  
Johnny Carson  
William James  
Eddie Albert,  
Donna Summer

### **Sun in Purva Ashadha**

Leadership skills, philosophical  
Political interests, good speaking skills  
  
Slow, but steady recognition, fame  
  
Humanitarian concern, charitable  
Interest in sports, competitive  
Strange personality challenges, zealous

### **Famous People**

Paramahansa Yogananda,  
Richard Nixon, J. Edgar  
Hoover, Earl Warren  
Anthony Hopkins,  
Mel Gibson,  
Kahlil Gibran  
Mary Tyler Moore  
Tiger Woods  
Jimmy Bakker,  
Joseph Stalin

### **Purva Ashadha Career Interests**

Writers, teachers, debaters  
Shipping industry, boating  
Politicians, lawyers  
Travel industry, foreign traders  
Actors, film, public speaking

### **Health Issues**

Bladder, kidney problems  
Thighs and hips  
Sexual diseases  
Colds and lung problems  
Sciatica, rheumatism

## Uttara Ashadha

*26° 40' Sagittarius to 10° 00' Capricorn*

The twenty-first nakshatra is Uttara Ashadha, consisting of two stars in the breast of the Archer. Uttara Ashadha has one pada in Sagittarius and three in Capricorn. Ruled by the Sun, its symbol is an elephant's tusk, reflecting Ganesha's blessing on our activities. Another symbol is the planks of a bed, which symbolize the securing of rest and peace. Called the "universal star," this asterism reflects deep humanitarian concern and fairness to all races. Abraham Lincoln had his natal Moon in this nakshatra.

Uttara Ashadha is ruled by the Universal Gods or Vishvadevas. These deities are the ten Vishvadevas, the sons of the god Dharma. The deities include Vasu (goodness), Satya (truth), Kratu (will-power), Daksha (ritual skill), Kala (time), Kama (desire), Dhriti (forbearance), Kuru (ancestors), Pururavas (abundance), and Madrava (joy). Their power is to grant an unchallengeable victory (*apradhrisya shakti*).<sup>1</sup> The asterism's primary motivation is moksha or spiritual liberation. Its natives enjoy being involved on a quest for the spiritual unknown.

Uttara Ashadha produces great insight and a more stable and less aggressive nature than the previous nakshatra, Purva Ashadha. Uttara Ashadha people get totally involved in any task and can penetrate deeply into some aspect of knowledge. They are usually blessed with affluence in life. Leadership qualities and the ability to relate to people make them good politicians. They can show a dogged persistence to succeed with any task they encounter. Uttara Ashadha represents the completely integrated manifestation of god-like power. Uttara Ashadha brings us to the summit of our power, support and recognition, not so much through our personal efforts (which is more the case in Jyeshtha), but with the appropriate alliances

and support of all the gods. Its natives are usually very idealistic people with lofty goals and refined virtues. Victory depends on a righteous cause that is beneficial to all.

The shadow side of Uttara Ashadha can be a Type A personality that is constantly active. The opposite effect of laziness can also occur. Uttara Ashadha people need to feel fully engaged in a project or apathy can result. They can start new enterprises and then fail to complete them. A self-centered, stubborn personality can occur when Uttara Ashadha is afflicted.

The Capricorn side of this asterism can result in loneliness or a melancholy nature if Saturn is poorly placed. Uttara Ashadha means “the latter unconquered” or “later victory” which may reflect losses in early life and more success as life progresses. These people need to learn the quality of patience in confronting early adversity in life. The animal symbol is a male mongoose. This is the only nakshatra that does not have a female animal counterpart. Some difficulties in early marriage or sexual incompatibility may result.

*Note:* a twenty-eighth nakshatra called *Abhijit* is sometimes inserted in the last five degrees of Uttara Ashadha (5°–10° of Capricorn). it is not normally used for natal chart analysis, but for the use of *muhurtha* or electional astrology. It is considered a *laghu* or light nakshatra which is auspicious for healing, travel or starting a business.

## Uttara Ashadha at a Glance

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Range:	26° 40' Sagittarius – 10° 00' Capricorn
Symbol:	Elephant's tusk, the planks of a bed
Ruling Planet:	Sun
Nature:	Manushya (human)
Primary Motivation:	Moksha (spiritual liberation)
Animal Symbol:	Male mongoose
Direction:	South
Sounds:	Bay Bo Jaa Jee
Qualities:	Sattwa/Rajas/Sattwa
Deities:	The ten Vishvadevas

### **Uttara Ashadha on the Ascendant**

Sincere and kind nature, honest  
Sharp intellect, reads intensely  
Fond of fun, wanderer with many mates  
Good public servant and counselor  
May become famous later in life

### **Famous People**

Rodin, Henry Winkler  
Stephen Sondheim  
Tennessee Williams  
Jane Fonda, Kirk Douglas  
Billie Holiday

### **Moon in Uttara Ashadha**

Virtuous, intelligent, charitable  
Well-liked, many friends

Charming, graceful, refined  
Pure-hearted, grateful  
Leadership, military prowess

More success after 35  
Trouble with early marriage

### **Famous People**

Abraham Lincoln  
Cary Grant,  
Robert Kennedy  
Deepak Chopra  
Cat Stevens, Billy Holliday  
Napoleon,  
Augustus Caesar  
Stan Grof  
John Lennon

### **Sun in Uttara Ashadha**

Humanitarian, spiritual nature  
Desire to change societal values

Research oriented, learned  
Philosophical nature, deep thinker  
Well-known, controversial

Fighter for a cause, strong speech

### **Famous People**

Maharishi Mahesh Yogi  
Howard Stern,  
Ellen De Generes  
Albert Schweitzer  
G.I. Gurdjieff  
David Bowie,  
Kevin Costner  
Muhammad Ali,  
George Foreman

### **Uttara Ashadha Career Interests**

Pioneers, researchers, scientists  
Military work, hunters  
Boxers or fighters for a cause  
Government jobs, social work

### **Health Issues**

Stomach problems, waist  
Thighs and hips  
Eczema, skin dryness  
Arthritis, bone problems

## Shravana

10° 00' to 23° 20' Capricorn

The twenty-second nakshatra, Shravana, consists of three stars in the head of the eagle, Aquilla. The stars also form the three footprints of Vishnu, the deity of this nakshatra and preserver of the universe. Lord Vishnu helps us to perceive the truth of manifestation concealed by the world of maya or illusion. This asterism's power is that of providing connection (*samhanana shakti*).<sup>1</sup> Its natives can link people together by connecting them to their appropriate paths in life. Shravana resides entirely within the sign of Capricorn and is ruled by the Moon. Called "the star of learning," this lunar mansion is also associated with the goddess of learning, Saraswati. She is called "the flowing one" who brings knowledge, music, and eloquence to humanity.

Shravana is derived from the Sanskrit verb *sru* which means "to hear" and is symbolized by an ear. It reflects the ability to hear the subtle etheric realms. The cosmic sounds of Krishna's flute, a bell, or the cosmic *OM* may be audible to the Shravana native. It represents communication of knowledge that helps us transcend the material world. The importance of oral traditions based on *shruti* or "hearing" the vibrations and words of wisdom is emphasized here. The Vedas and Vedangas are representations of the knowledge produced in this lunar mansion. The Vedic scholar Dr. David Frawley has his natal Moon placed here. Shravana is also connected with the pipal tree where Buddha attained enlightenment through listening to the voice of the divine within.

Shravana rules positions of worship and service to humanity. A kind and charitable nature is often produced here. Fame and recognition in the world often results. Shravana people are excellent writers and teachers. They are usually very

active, hard-working and devoted to seeking truth in all of their endeavors. They are usually fond of travel and may spend time living and studying in foreign lands. The Shravana influence makes one want to learn constantly from birth till death. Thus these natives usually have large libraries or study to spend their precious time. Shravana people need much solitude and alone time. They live by the motto that "seclusion is the price of greatness."

The shadow side of Shravana can be a rigid or obstinate nature. This may be partially due to the influence of Capricorn ruled by Saturn. Shravana people may have many enemies due to issues with jealousy. Shravana people have a tendency toward gossip and listening to others gossip as well. They are sensitive and easily hurt by the opinions of others. They may experience disillusionment early in life as they explore the world of maya. Their primary motivation is artha or prosperity. Once they attain their financial security, they are free to pursue the higher goals of enlightenment and spiritual liberation. They are usually wealthy by mid-life. Shravana also means "the lame" or "one who limps," which could indicate improving one's gait with time, experience and patience. Feelings of inferiority are usually overcome with age.

<sup>1</sup> Frawley, David, *Shaktis of the Nakshatras*: 1998.

## Shravana at a Glance

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Range:	10° 00' - 23° 20' Capricorn
Symbol:	An ear, three footprints
Ruling Planet:	Moon
Nature:	Deva (god-like)
Primary Motivation:	Artha (material prosperity)
Animal Symbol :	Female monkey
Direction:	North
Sounds:	Ju, Jay, Jo, Gha
Qualities:	Sattwa/Tamas/Rajas
Deities:	Vishnu, Saraswati

### **Shravana on the Ascendant**

Religious nature, scholarly work  
Excellent character, well-known  
May live away from birthplace  
Charitable, kind nature  
Few children

### **Famous People**

C. G. Jung  
Edward, Duke of Windsor  
Evel Knievel  
Bob Fosse  
Roseanne

### **Moon in Shravana**

Intelligent, good speech, fame  
Wealthy, creative genius, art interests  
Charitable, a good host, principled  
Political interests, overly zealous  
  
Generous marital partner, religious  
Perfectionist, eats good food

### **Famous People**

David Frawley  
Henry Ford, George Lucas  
Muhammad Ali  
David Duke,  
Charles Manson  
Bruce Willis  
Jessica Lange

### **Sun in Shravana**

Practical, pragmatic nature, successful  
  
Difficulties with superiors, rebellious  
  
Gifts in the communications field  
  
Strong constitution, good health

### **Famous People**

Paul Newman,  
Alan Alda  
James Dean,  
Mozart  
Oprah Winfrey,  
Oral Roberts  
Wayne Gretzky

### **Shravana Career Interests**

Teachers, speech therapists, linguists  
Astrologers, religious scholars  
Politicians, business skill  
Geologists, researchers, travel

### **Health Issues**

Hearing problems, ears  
Skin sensitivities  
Reproductive organs  
Knees, rheumatism

## Dhanishtha

23° 20' Capricorn to 6° 40' Aquarius

The twenty-third lunar mansion, Dhanishtha consists of a small group of four stars located in the head of Delphinus, the Dolphin. Half of the nakshatra resides in Capricorn the Sea-Goat and the remaining half in Aquarius the Water-Bearer. Dhanishtha is called "the star of symphony" with its symbol being a musical drum. The drum is Lord Shiva's musical instrument of time, called a *mridranga* or *tabla*. Usually, a love of music and talent in singing or reciting chants can be observed here. There is great wealth as well as difficult marital karma found in this lunar mansion. Both Princess Diana and Marilyn Monroe had their natal Moon residing here.

The deities of this nakshatra are the eight Vasus, the solar gods of energy and light. The Vasus are the deities of the Earth that give abundance on the material plane. Vasu means "good," "benefic" or "light" and reflects high virtues and a charitable nature. The eight Vasus are: Pratyusa (Sun), Soma (Moon), Dhara (Earth), Anala (Fire), Apa (Space), Anila (Wind), Prabhasa (Sky), and Dhruva (Nakshatras). Their power is to give abundance and fame (*khyapayitri shakti*).<sup>1</sup>

Dhanishtha people possess the gifts of insight, listening, and perception of truth. Dhanishtha can give great spiritual depth and occult knowledge. Its natives can be liberal in thought and unify others in a common cause. Universal sympathy and compassion can be experienced here. There is a strong and adventurous nature due to the ruling planet Mars, the spiritual warrior. The planet Mars is also exalted here. Its animal symbol is a courageous female lion. Dhanishtha people can gain great fame and recognition. They are able to bring their resources together. In this way it builds upon the connections created in Shravana and makes them more practical. Their fortunes are usually found away from home.

The shadow side of Dhanishtha is a materialistic bent. If afflicted, Dhanishtha people can strive to acquire everything for themselves. They can become overly ambitious, greedy, stingy or covetous of others' good fortunes. A tendency toward self-absorption and narcissism may result. Due to the Mars rulership, the Dhanishtha person can be ruthless, inconsiderate, heartless and revengeful. This lunar mansion is rakshasic or demonic in nature. Trouble or delays in marriage are often seen with women with their natal Moon placed here. An aloof disposition and arrogant nature can result. Because Saturn rules the signs of Capricorn and Aquarius where this nakshatra resides, patience and perseverance must be cultivated to help the individual through difficult trials in early life. People with their natal Moon in Dhanishtha will experience the Mars and Rahu dasas in their early childhood and adolescence.

<sup>1</sup> Frawley, David. *Shaktis of the Nakshatras*. 1998.

## Dhanishtha at a Glance

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Range:	23° 20' Capricorn – 6° 40' Aquarius
Symbol:	A musical drum
Ruling Planet:	Mars
Nature:	Rakshasa (demon)
Primary Motivation:	Dharma (right activity)
Animal Symbol:	Female Lion
Direction:	East
Sounds:	Gaa Gee Goo Gay
Qualities:	Sattwa/Tamas/Tamas
Deities:	The Eight Vasus

### **Dhanishtha on the Ascendant**

Regal and heroic nature, humanitarian  
Idealistic, charitable, virtuous  
Ambitious, optimistic, wealthy

Philosophical, rash, arrogant  
Inquisitive mind, liberal in thought

### **Famous People**

Abraham Lincoln  
Sri Ramakrishna  
J.P. Morgan,  
Whoopi Goldberg  
Karl Marx, Jimmy Hoffa  
Elizabeth Kubler-Ross

### **Moon in Dhanishtha**

Wealthy, liberal in gift-giving, charitable  
Daring and rash in action, controversial  
Fond of music and poetry, mystical  
Difficult to convince of anything  
Troubles or delays in marriage,  
several mates, obstinate

### **Famous People**

Princess Diana  
Timothy Leary  
R. Maria Rilke  
Orson Welles  
Marilyn Monroe  
Woody Allen

### **Sun in Dhanishtha**

Courageous, strong, issues with anger  
Curious mind, research oriented  
Athletic, hard working  
Philosophical nature, social interests

Wealthy, successful, cynical  
Stressful lifestyle, irrational at times

### **Famous People**

John McEnroe  
John Grisham  
Michael Jordan  
Abraham Lincoln,  
Alfred Adler  
Burt Reynolds  
Ronald Reagan,  
Mia Farrow

### **Dhanishtha Career Interests**

Musicians, poets  
Doctors and surgeons  
Real estate, property management  
Engineering, mining  
Scientists, research work  
Charitable organizations

### **Health Issues**

Arthritis  
Back problems  
Knees and ankles  
Hypertension,  
heart trouble  
Piles, hemorrhoids

## Shatabhisha

6° 40' to 20° 00' *Aquarius*

The twenty-fourth nakshatra is called Shatabhisha and resides in a large group of faint stars in the constellation of Aquarius, the Water-Bearer. The Water-Bearer is depicted as the "physician of the gods," pouring the sacred pot containing the divine nectar of immortality. Shatabhisha literally means "the hundred physicians" or "hundred healers." It bestows gifts in the healing arts by pouring forth the cosmic waters from the Aquarius pitcher to nourish humanity. Shatabhisha is also known as a "hundred stars," which reflects the regal, royal quality of this lunar mansion. It is said to be the fortunate star of the king. Shatabhisha people can possess tremendous vital force and courage that will defeat their enemies and bring victory. The blossoming of inner potential and the full arousal of the life force of kundalini can be activated here.

The deity of this lunar mansion is Varuna, the god of rain and the cosmic waters. He is also the bestower of wisdom and the god of medicines. Varuna generates the power of healing (*bheshaja shakti*).<sup>1</sup> Varuna is a powerful, mystical healer and is the lord of maya or illusion. He is said to possess magical healing abilities and establishes, protects, and maintains natural and moral law. The primary motivation here is dharma or right activity. Varuna also provides good judgment as well as punishment. He is a god of sin, debts, injury and disease who cannot only bring these calamities upon us, but can remove them from us, if we propitiate him with sincerity. He represents a vital connection between humanity and the gods. Shatabhisha counters difficult karmas through divine grace and repentance. Shatabhisha people are usually honest, hard-working, and ambitious. Shatabhisha also means "the hundred flowers," which could indicate a knowledge of herbs and other flower remedies.

Called “the veiling star,” this nakshatra is somewhat secretive in nature and may want to keep certain aspects of self hidden from view. The symbol for Shatabhisha is a circle enclosing a space which reflects the need for containment, independence and solitude. Shatabhisha people are independent people who have a strong need for seclusion. They need space in their togetherness for any relationship to be effective. A deeply philosophical, mystical mind may be experienced here. The need for some type of meditative practice is essential for these individuals. Shatabhisha is connected with the opening of the crown chakra or the summit of creative energy through the awakening of the kundalini. Rahu is the ruling planet, representing the serpent energy and the extreme positive or negative life events that can occur under the influence of this asterism. Shatabhisha usually brings about a healing crisis leading to revitalization.

The shadow side of Shatabhisha is loneliness and depression. Shatabhisha people can feel restrained or restricted and experience life as a duty. Apathy, suffering and a feeling of paralysis can result if the person allows himself to feel victimized. These people are born in the dasa of Rahu, which can reflect a difficult or unstable childhood experience. Saturn also rules the sign of Aquarius in which this nakshatra is placed giving obstruction and obstacles in early life. This nakshatra is rakshasic or demonic in nature. Harsh speech and a brusque, intrusive nature can be observed here. It is stated that chronic illnesses contracted under the Moon in Shatabhisha may require “a hundred physicians” to heal them. The lunar mansion of Ashwini is considered an ideal place to rest and recuperate for the Shatabhisha individual.

<sup>1</sup> Frawley, David. *Shaktis of the Nakshatras*. 1998.

## **Shatabhisha at a Glance**

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Range:	6° 40' – 20° 00' Aquarius
Symbols:	An empty circle, a hundred physicians, stars, or flowers
Ruling Planet:	Rahu
Nature:	Rakshasa (demon)
Primary Motivation:	Dharma (right activity)
Animal Symbol:	Female horse
Direction:	South
Sounds:	Go, Saa, See, Soo
Qualities:	Sattwa/Tamas/Sattwa
Deity:	Varuna, god of the waters

### **Shatabhisha on the Ascendant**

Interest in mysticism and astrology  
Service oriented, quiet, honest  
Philosophical nature, political interests  
Travel for educational purposes,  
intelligent  
Trouble with alcohol, deception

### **Famous People**

B.V. Raman  
Jason Alexander  
Walter Mondale  
Donald Bradley,  
Vincent Price  
Whitney Houston

### **Moon in Shatabhisha**

Truthful, principled, charitable  
  
Writing skill, excellent memory  
Interest in astrology, psychology  
Daring, adamant, bold nature  
  
Defeats enemies, opinionated  
Independent, artistic nature

### **Famous People**

Paul Newman,  
Michelangelo  
Goethe  
Ronnie Gale Dreyer  
Robin Williams,  
Elvis Presley  
J. Edgar Hoover  
Paul Klee

### **Sun in Shatabhisha**

Good intelligence, creative genius  
  
Hard working, humanitarian concern  
Writing ability, philosophical nature  
Needs external encouragement, sickly

### **Famous People**

Rudolph Steiner,  
Sidney Poitier  
Mikhail Gorbachev  
George Harrison  
Ted Kennedy

### **Shatabhisha Career Interests**

Astrologers, astronomers  
Physicians, healers  
Writers, research work  
Clerical work, secretaries  
Engineers, electricians  
Organizational development

### **Health Issues**

Arthritis, rheumatism  
Heart trouble, hypertension  
Calves and ankles  
Jaw problems, TMJ  
Bone fractures

## Purva Bhadrapada

20° 00' Aquarius to 3° 20' Pisces

The twenty-fifth nakshatra is named Purva Bhadrapada and is located primarily in the sign of Aquarius, with one pada in Pisces. It consists of two main stars (Markab and Scheat) in the body of Pegasus, the winged horse. The symbols for this lunar mansion include a sword, two front legs of a bed or funeral cot, or a two-faced man. Purva Bhadrapada translates as "the former lucky feet" or the "feet of a stool or bench." This also refers to the deity of this nakshatra, which is Aja Ekapada, the "one-footed goat" or unicorn which is related to Rudra, the god of storms. Like the unicorn, Purva Bhadrapada people are unique, eccentric and mystical beings. Aja Ekapada is also worshiped as a form of Lord Shiva and a transport vehicle of Agni, the god of fire. It gives the fire to raise a spiritual person up in life (*yajamana vdyamana shakti*).<sup>1</sup> Purva Bhadrapada people are usually passionate, impetuous, and opinionated. They possess good speaking ability and are skilled in earning money. Their primary motivation is artha or material prosperity.

Combined with the next nakshatra, Uttara Bhadrapada, this asterism forms half of "the scorching pair" or "burning pair." Both lunar mansions create a fiery temperament and an immensely active nature. The animal symbol is a male lion. Purva Bhadrapada reveals a strong urge to be focused on an ideal or vision for the future. Its natives like to work for universal goals that uplift humanity. Purva Bhadrapada grants a universal view through intense internal purification. The ruling planet is Jupiter which connects this nakshatra with the Brahmans or intellectual caste. These people are very independent and self-reliant people who possess deep philosophical wisdom and originality in thought. They love to escape or run away from the constraints of societal rules and norms. They like to "travel to

the beat of their own drummer.” They believe in the idea that “beaten paths are for beaten people.”

The shadow side of Purva Bhadrapada is an angry, impulsive, anxious personality. These people can be cynical and communicate with harsh or critical speech. They may try to coerce others to conform to their idealistic principles and philosophies. Purva Bhadrapada people can become fearful, nervous, and worrisome when confronted with stressful life events. A wavering or unstable mind is often the result. They can be stingy or miserly. Their goal is to raise up their spiritual aspirations in life which can take them out of the domain of selfish behavior. Pain, suffering, injuries from falls, accidents, or attacks can occur here. Reflecting the symbol of the two-faced man, they possess the ability to see issues from different points of view. However, they may appear “two-faced” to others in the process.

<sup>1</sup> Frawley, David. *Shaktis of the Nakshatras*. 1998.

## **Purva Bhadrapada at a Glance**

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Range:	20° 00' Aquarius – 3° 20' Pisces
Symbols:	A sword, two legs of a bed, two-faced man
Ruling Planet:	Jupiter
Nature:	Manushya (human)
Primary Motivation:	Artha (material prosperity)
Animal Symbol:	Male Lion
Direction:	West
Sounds:	Say So Daa Dee
Qualities:	Sattwa/Sattwa/Rajas
Deity:	Aja Ekapada, the one-footed goat

### **Purva Bhadrapada on the Ascendant**

Philosophical nature, good speaker  
Strong sexual attractions, high strung  
Changes residences often, fond of travel  
Money through government, intent on  
their work  
Good longevity

### **Famous People**

Thomas Merton  
Ringo Starr  
Dorothy Hamill  
Norman Mailer,  
Mary Tyler Moore  
Deepak Chopra,  
Dean Martin

### **Moon in Purva Bhadrapada**

Spiritual depth, teaching skill  
Occult knowledge, intuitive gifts  
Wealthy, clever in executing work  
Intelligent, scholarly, writer  
Cynical, witty nature

### **Famous People**

Martin Luther King,  
Sri Ramakrishna  
Aleister Crowley,  
Jeffrey Green  
Hugh Hefner,  
Robert DeNiro  
Goethe, Madam Curie  
Groucho Marx,  
OJ Simpson

### **Sun in Purva Bhadrapada**

Creative intelligence, detailed work  
Dislike routine, need variety  
Writing skill, moody nature  
Independent, need seclusion

### **Famous People**

Albert Einstein  
Billy Crystal, Jerry Lewis  
James Taylor  
Michael Caine

### **Purva Bhadrapada Career Interests**

Astrologers, priests, ascetics  
Research skills, statisticians  
Occultists, black magicians  
Administrative planners, business skills

### **Health Issues**

Swollen ankles and feet  
Heart problems,  
blood circulation  
Enlarged liver  
Rib troubles  
Sides of the legs  
Ulcers

## Uttara Bhadrapada

3° 20' to 16° 40' *Pisces*

The twenty-sixth lunar mansion is named Uttara Bhadrapada, which resides entirely in the constellation of Pisces, the fish. It consists of two stars, Pegasi and Andromedae, which form the remaining two legs of the bed combined with the stars of the previous nakshatra. Purva and Uttara Bhadrapada together form what is known in the West as the square of Pegasus which represents the bed or funeral cot. These two lunar mansions combined also depict the two-headed man discussed earlier in Purva Bhadrapada and which is symbolized by Agni, the fire god. Both of these asterisms are described as having a fiery disposition and form the "scorching or flaming pair."

Uttara Bhadrapada people usually demonstrate more restraint and control over their anger and are less aggressive than Purva Bhadrapada. The ruling planet is Saturn, which provides these individuals with more discipline and self-control over their emotions and behavior. They possess the ability to control their anger and endure pain. This asterism is called "the warrior star," and its natives are powerful and able to care for and protect those close to them.

Uttara Bhadrapada means "the latter one with lucky feet" or "the beautiful left foot." The feet, which are connected with the sign Pisces, also represent the love of travel to far away places. These individuals are usually cheerful people who are wealthy, generous and charitable. Because of the Saturn and Jupiter influence in this nakshatra, they are Brahminic in nature and exhibit a priest-like quality that reflects their emphasis on spiritual growth. The deity of this lunar mansion is Ahirbudhnya, "the serpent of the deep sea." He is an auspicious serpent or naga that is associated with part of Lord Shiva's army,

the celestial emissaries of vital power. This lunar mansion's power is the bringing of the cosmic rain (*varshodyamana shakti*).<sup>1</sup> Ahirbudhnya the serpent symbolizes the fertility, kundalini energy, and need for seclusion that is experienced in this nakshatra. There can be tremendous psychic ability and a snake-like quality that allows Uttara Bhadrapada people to explore all the nooks and crannies of life.

Women born under this star may exhibit the wonderful qualities of the Goddess Lakshmi, the goddess of prosperity and luxury. The influence of Uttara Bhadrapada brings marital happiness, children, wealth, and good health. The animal symbol is a female cow, a sacred animal in India. Uttara Bhadrapada women are said to be the "gem in any family." As they evolve spiritually, natives of this asterism can become completely detached from all forms of earthly existence and show complete indifference to worldly matters.

The shadow side of Uttara Bhadrapada is similar to its twin, Purva Bhadrapada. Issues with anger, passion, and aggression can be seen, but to a lesser extent. Uttara Bhadrapada people can be very secretive, cunning, with a tendency toward gossip. If afflicted, a lazy, careless, and irresponsible nature may develop. Their primary motivation is kama or desire, which can cause some addiction problems with sex or drugs. They are warriors, and if angered, they can defeat and vanquish their enemies. Due to Saturn's influence, delays in success can occur, so they must cultivate patience and thoroughness in their life projects. Ultimately, they may experience the death of maya through spiritual renunciation. They need much solitude and alone time to accomplish their spiritual as well as worldly goals.

<sup>1</sup> Frawley, David. *Shaktis of the Nakshatras*. 1998.

## **Uttara Bhadrapada at a Glance**

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Range:	3° 20' - 16° 40' Pisces
Symbols:	Two legs of a bed, two-headed man, twins
Ruling Planet:	Saturn
Nature:	Manushya (human)
Primary Motivation:	Kama (desire)
Animal Symbol:	Female Cow
Direction:	North
Sounds:	Du Jham Jna Tha
Qualities:	Sattwa/Sattwa/Tamas
Deities:	Ahimbudhnya, the serpent of the deep sea; Lakshmi

### **Uttara Bhadrapada on the Ascendant**

Eloquent in speech, benevolent  
Occultist, humanitarian nature  
Happiness from children, love of family  
Likes unique treasures, many travels

Writing skills, poetic  
Permanent enemies, fickle nature

### **Famous People**

Robert Redford  
Walt Whitman, Joan Baez  
Billy Graham  
Robert Duvall,  
Barbra Streisand  
Rabindranath Tagore  
Bruce Willis

### **Moon in Uttara Bhadrapada**

Attractive, innocent looking  
Virtuous, good hearted, service oriented

Clever in speech, happy and wise  
Overcomes enemies, controls anger  
Enjoy children, happy marriage

### **Famous People**

Bill Gates, Indira Gandhi  
Robert Kennedy,  
Ken Johnson  
Abraham Lincoln  
Hilary Clinton, Cary Grant  
Christina Collins Hill

### **Sun in Uttara Bhadrapada**

Intelligent, quick-witted, creative work  
Peaceful nature, generous and charitable  
Mystical mind, good writing skill  
Diplomatic, cunning, secretive

Hardworking, speak softly, spiritual

### **Famous People**

Chakrapani Ullal  
Elton John, Viktor Frankl  
Dane Rudhyar  
Timothy Dalton,  
Bruce Willis  
Edgar Cayce

### **Uttara Bhadrapada Career Interests**

Charitable work, non-profit  
organizations  
Import and exports, travel industry  
Religious work, priests, saints  
Astrologers, mystical work  
Writers, philosophers, teachers

### **Health Issues**

Foot problems, cold feet  
Indigestion, constipation  
Sides of the body and legs  
Hypertension,  
stress disorders  
Allergies  
Liver problems

## Revati

16° 40' to 30° 00' Pisces

The final nakshatra, Revati, consists of thirty-two faint stars in the southern tail of Pisces, the fish. Being the last lunar mansion, Revati relates to endings, completion and the finality of time. Its symbol is a drum or *mridanga* which is used to mark time. Revati means "the wealthy" and is usually associated with abundance or prosperity on all levels. It is an auspicious star for spiritual growth and produces great intuitive gifts. The primary motivation of this asterism is moksha or spiritual liberation. It is also associated with deep faith and devotion to God. Revati is the great womb of the Divine Mother, revealing the end as well as new beginnings.

The presiding deity is Pushan, "the nurturer," who is regarded as the protector of flocks and herds and invoked in the Vedas for safe travel. He also helps to recover lost items and animals. This is a good nakshatra for the Moon to be residing in when one is beginning a search or starting a long journey. Pushan is considered the lord of the fields and herds. He is associated with fertility, rapid growth, abundance and providing shelter. This nakshatra has the power of nourishment, symbolized by milk (*kshiradyapani* shakti).<sup>1</sup> Pushan is the keeper of the sacred cows of the gods and provides nourishment and protection to all animals. Thus a love of animals can be experienced in Revati. The animal symbol is a female elephant, another sacred animal of India.

Creative intelligence is abundant in this lunar mansion. The ruling planet is Mercury, with the sign of Pisces being ruled by Jupiter. Venus is exalted in this nakshatra. Gifts in music, dance, drama and literature may blossom in Revati. It is interesting to note that Albert Einstein's natal Venus was placed here, and during his Venus Dasa he wrote the "Theory of Relativity."

Einstein stated that he always thought of himself as an artist rather than a scientist. Great wealth and material prosperity are discovered here. Revati helps all sincere people in their efforts through providing proper nourishment. Its natives usually have no desire to covet the success and property of others. They are very empathic people and have a strong desire to alleviate the suffering of humanity. Revati has a *mridru* or soft nature.

The shadow side of Revati is very minimal due to its deva-like temperament. If afflicted, the person may suffer from early disappointment in life and pediatric illnesses. There may be feelings of inferiority and low self-esteem. Revati people are very sensitive by nature and absorb the feelings of others. They can have a hot temper and become very stubborn if provoked. There is a tendency to overgive and then feel depleted in the exchange. They are often co-dependent people who regard the welfare of others as more important than their own. They need seclusion and someone to protect them from the harsh realities of the earth plane. They usually are benefitted by living near water, which soothes their sensitive, empathic nature. Revati individuals are usually meant for worlds much greater than this. These natives have tomorrow's skills for today's world. They are visionaries who are usually beyond the slow development of society. Revati protects the soul in its spiritual journey to the next world.

<sup>1</sup> Frawley, David. *Shaktis of the Nakshatras*. 1998.

Range:	16° 40' – 30° 00' Pisces
Symbols:	A drum, a fish
Ruling Planet:	Mercury
Nature:	Deva (god-like)
Primary Motivation:	Moksha (spiritual liberation)
Animal Symbol:	Female Elephant
Direction:	East
Sounds:	De Do Chaa Chee
Qualities:	Sattwa/Sattwa/Sattwa
Deity:	Pushan, the nurturer

### **Revati on the Ascendant**

Valiant, rich, proud  
Leadership skills, responsible nature

Attractive, strong and clean body  
Sociable, many friends, a good host  
Good longevity, love of travel

### **Moon in Revati**

Independent, ambitious, well-liked,  
wealthy  
Interests in ancient cultures,  
much wisdom  
Interest in religion and mysticism  
Love of pets and animals, courageous  
Beautiful, magnetic, clean,  
well-formed body  
Good marriage karma, success in foreign lands

### **Sun in Revati**

Artistic nature, sensitive, psychic  
Humorous, unusual fame  
Interest in political science, law  
Philosophical nature, charitable  
Love of travel, desires change  
  
Troubles with drugs, unpredictable  
at times

### **Revati Career Interests**

Film actors, comedians, politicians  
Humanitarian projects, charitable work  
Urban planners, government positions  
Psychics, mystical or religious work  
Journalists, editors, publishers  
Travel agents, flight attendants

### **Famous People**

Mikhail Gorbachev  
Dwight Eisenhower,  
Lee Iacocca  
Bette Midler  
Pete Rose  
F. Lee Bailey

### **Famous People**

Marlon Brando,  
James Taylor  
Rabindranath Tagore,  
Joe Pesci  
Jim Jones  
Rodney King  
Whitney Houston

### **Famous People**

Celine Dion  
David Letterman  
Jerry Brown, Al Gore  
Ram Dass, Betty Ford  
Hugh Hefner,  
Eddie Murphy  
Robert Downey, Jr.  
Marlon Brando

### **Health Issues**

Ankle and feet problems  
Childhood illnesses  
Insomnia, nightmares  
Sensitive nervous system  
Stomach problems

## SECTION

II



## Choosing an Auspicious Lunar Nakshatra

The Moon transits through a specific nakshatra each day (for approximately 24 to 25 hours). When the Moon passes through the different 27 lunar mansions, specific activities can bear more productive fruit. The Moon should be waxing or moving toward a full moon if possible. The following is a listing of the nakshatras in regard to their qualities and the daily life events which are harmonious under their influence.

The *Laghu* or *Kshipra* (light and swift) nakshatras are Ashwini, Pushya, Hasta and Abhijit. They are especially good constellations for the Moon to reside in when starting a journey (travel), sports activities, and doing healing work or administering medicines. These lunar mansions are also good for opening a business, sales, trade and obtaining or repaying a loan or debt. <sup>1, 8, 13, 28</sup>

The *Mridu* (<sup>soft</sup> ~~light~~ mild or tender) nakshatras are Mrigashira, Chitra, Anuradha, and Revati. These lunar mansions are excellent for learning music, dance and drama and performing auspicious ceremonies like marriage. They are also good for buying and wearing new clothes. Love-making and romance flows under these stellar influences. These are excellent constellations for making new friends and enjoyment of pleasures that are healing and revitalizing.

The *Sthira* (fixed or permanent) nakshatras are Rohini, Uttara Phalguni, Uttara Ashadha, and Uttara Bhadrapada. These constellations are good for building homes and laying the foundations of communities. The emphasis here is toward permanence, stability, and structure. They are also favorable for plowing the land, planting trees, and purchasing agricultural property.

The *Chara* (movable or ephemeral) nakshatras are Punarvasu, Swati, Shravana, Dhanishtha, and Shatabhisha. These constellations good for buying automobiles and other vehicles, for going on a procession, and landscaping (gardening). Change of residence or career, travel, and other major life changes can more easily occur under their influence and support.

The *Tikshna* (sharp or dreadful) nakshatras are Ardra, Ashlesha, Jyeshtha, and Mula. These lunar mansions are auspicious for creating separation from friends or filing for a divorce. Powerful, bold and brash activities can occur under their influence. They are effective for invoking spirits and other incantations. These constellations can be related to black magic, casting spells, exorcism, punishment and even murder.

The *Krura* or *Ugra* (fierce or severe) nakshatras are Bharani, Magha, Purva Phalguni, Purva Ashadha, and Purva Bhadrapada. These constellations may be related to destructive deeds such as setting fires, poisoning, and other deceitful acts. Imprisonment and other forms of confinement can be experienced here.

The *Misra* <sup>soft & sweet</sup> (mixed) nakshatras are Kritika and Vishakha. They are generally good for mundane daily activities. Kritika can be good for fire ceremonies due to its deity, Agni.

The following are auspicious lunar nakshatras for specific activities or events:

- **Buying a Home**—Mrigashira, Punarvasu, Ashlesha, Magha, Purva Phalguni, Vishakha, Mula, and Revati.
- **Marriage**—Rohini, Mrigashira, Uttara Phalguni, Hasta, Swati, Anuradha, Uttara Ashadha, Uttara Bhadrapada, and Revati (the first three padas).
- **Installing a Deity or Building a Temple**—Rohini, Mrigashira, Punarvasu, Pushya, Uttara Phalguni, Hasta, Swati, Uttara Ashadha, and Uttara Bhadrapada.

- **Laying the Foundation of a Home**—Rohini, Mrigashira, Uttara Phalguni, Hasta, Chitra, Jyeshtha, Uttara Ashadha, and Shravana.
- **Learning Astrology or Astronomy**—Ashwini, Punarvasu, Pushya, Hasta, Swati, Mula, and Revati.
- **Learning Music or Dance**—Rohini, Pushya, Purva Phalguni, Hasta, Anuradha, Jyeshtha, Uttara Ashadha, Dhanishtha, Shatabhisha, Uttara Bhadrapada, Revati.
- **Planting and Sowing**—Ashwini, Rohini, Pushya, Magha, Uttara Phalguni, Hasta, Chitra, Swati, Anuradha, Mula, Uttara Ashadha, and Revati.
- **Medical Treatment**—Ashwini, Rohini, Mrigashira, Punarvasu, Pushya, Hasta, Chitra, Swati, Anuradha, Uttara Ashadha, Shravana, Dhanishtha, Shatabhisha, Uttara Bhadrapada, and Revati.
- **Surgical Treatment**—Ardra, Ashlesha, Jyeshtha, Mula (Tuesdays and Saturdays). Mars should be strong and the 8th House unoccupied. Waxing Moon, but not a Full Moon.
- **Studying Medicine**—Dhanishtha and Shatabhisha
- **Studying the Vedas or the Shastras**—Pushya, Swati and Shravana.
- **Travel or Beginning a Journey**—Ashwini, Mrigashira, Punarvasu, Pushya, Hasta, Anuradha, Mula, Shravana, Dhanishtha, and Revati (Tuesdays should be avoided if possible).
- **Making a Will**—Pushya

In his wonderful book, *Muhurtha or Electional Astrology*,<sup>1</sup> Dr. B.V. Raman writes, "The constellation of Pushyami or Pushya (the 8th nakshatra) is the most favorable of all the nakshatras." "It is said to neutralize almost all doshas or flaws arising out of a number of adverse combinations. Pushya has the power to overcome negative forces and assert its benefic nature. Despite all its positive influence, Pushya is still considered inauspicious for a marriage ceremony. Dr. Raman concludes, "Pushya is a constellation par excellence that can be universally employed for all purposes, excepting of course marriage."



<sup>1</sup> Raman, B.V. *Muhurtha or Electional Astrology*. Bangalore, India: IBH Prakashana, 1979.

## Relationship Compatibility and the Nakshatras

One of the most important uses of Vedic Astrology is comparing the natal charts for relationship compatibility. In his classic book *Muhurtha or Electional Astrology*, Dr. B.V. Raman states that three important factors should be carefully considered when comparing horoscopes for the purpose of marriage:

1. The longevity of each individual
2. The strength of the seventh and eighth houses
3. Compatibility in regard to the kutas

Dr. Raman writes that, "the kutas or units of agreement should be considered only when there is general sympathy between the horoscopes of the parties to be brought together".<sup>1</sup> According to Dr. Raman, it is essential to start by analyzing, "...the general strength of the chart; and when good longevity is indicated in both horoscopes and they are free of afflictions in regard to the seventh and eighth houses, further agreement should then be judged." **The important emphasis here is that the kuta point system should not be used in isolation. It is only one of many important factors that should be analyzed in regard to relationship compatibility.** It is focused on the harmony between the natal Moons, which reflects emotional and psychological stability and the ability to create a nurturing home environment.

The kuta point system is a lunar compatibility analysis that compares the natal Moon nakshatras of the couple. Points are assigned for twelve different lunar compatibility factors (kutas) with a couple scoring between 0 to 36 points. It is generally stated that 18 or more points of agreement is considered good.

The higher the score, the greater the magnetic alchemy in the relationship. Usually, the kuta point system is generally recommended more for young adults to measure the compatibility factors for early marriage.

According to Dr. Raman, the twelve factors in the kuta system are:

- |         |                     |                   |
|---------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Dina | 5. Rasyadhipathi or | 9. Rajju          |
| 2. Gana | Graha Maitram       | 10. Stree-Deergha |
| 3. Nadi | 6. Vasya            | 11. Vedha         |
| 4. Rasi | 7. Varna            | 12. Mahendra      |
|         | 8. Yoni             |                   |

Of these factors, the first eight are considered the most essential for calculating the kuta point total. The final four factors are important, but do not receive kuta points.

The following is an example to illustrate the kuta system in action. Again it is assumed that the longevity of each individual is good and the seventh and eighth houses are well-disposed. Let us say that the woman's natal Moon nakshatra is Ashwini, the first of the 27 nakshatras and that the man's natal Moon resides in Ashlesha, the ninth nakshatra.

### **1. Dina Kuta (3 points)**

To evaluate Dina Kuta count the number of nakshatras of the man's natal Moon from that of the woman. In our example, if we count the woman's nakshatra as number one (Ashwini), then the man's nakshatra (Ashlesha) is nine away from her natal lunar constellation. Divide that number by nine. If the remainder is 0, 2, 4, 6, or 8, it is good. In our example the man's Moon nakshatra is nine away from her Moon nakshatra. If we divide by nine, the remainder would be zero and agreement is secured. The couple would receive three points of agreement for Dina Kuta.

*character inference if 0*

## 2. Gana Kuta (6 points) *make mood*

This important kuta measures the compatibility of temperament which is essential in a happy marriage. According to Dr. Raman, there are three ganas or temperaments of nature: Deva (divine), Manushya (human), and Rakshasa (demon). Each of the nakshatras has one of these gana qualities. The Devas represent a spiritual and charitable nature with goodness of character. The Manushyas are more of the world and represent a mixture of positive and negative qualities. The Rakshasas suggest dominance, self-will, and the potential for violence.

The idea here is that it is more compatible to marry within your gana or temperament. It is best if you have the same temperament (gana) as your mate. Thus, a Deva person would be happier with another Deva individual. It is acceptable for the Deva woman to marry a Manushya or Rakshasa man. However, if the woman is Rakshasa and the man is Deva or Manushya, it could potentially create marital discord. The emphasis here is that the woman should ideally be the same temperament as her husband. If they are different, she should be of better temperament, reflecting more internal harmony than the man to provide a good environment for the home life to flourish. The Indian concept is that the wife is the most important person in providing the nurturance and domestic harmony in a good marriage.

The following are the specific ganas for the 27 nakshatras:

- **Deva Gana**—Ashwini, Mrigashira, Punarvasu, Pushya, Hasta, Swati, Anuradha, Shravana, and Revati.
- **Manushya Gana**—Bharani, Rohini, Ardra, Purva Phalguni, Uttara Phalguni, Purva Ashadha, Uttara Ashadha, Purva Bhadrapada, and Uttara Bhadrapada.
- **Rakshasa Gana**—Krittika, Ashlesha, Magha, Chitra, Vishakha, Jyeshtha, Mula, Dhanishtha, and Shatabhisha.

In our example, the woman's Moon nakshatra is Ashwini, which is Deva; and the man's is Ashlesha, which is Rakshasa.

Although they are not of the same temperament, the agreement is still passable due to her temperament being more elevated than his. Thus, the Gana Kuta is present for this couple, although not perfect.

### **3. Nadi Kuta (8 points)**

In India, this is considered one of the most important kutas because it relates to progeny and producing children. It reflects the pulse or nervous system energy related to hereditary factors. The Moon as well as all the other planets are influenced by the nakshatra's pulse or nadi, which is its Ayurvedic constitution. The three nadis are vata, pitta, and kapha. It is better if the man and woman's Moon nakshatras fall in different nadis. The three nadis ruled by the different nakshatras are as follows:

<b>Vata</b>	<b>Pitta</b>	<b>Kapha</b>
Ashwini	Bharani	Krittika
Ardra	Mrigashira	Rohini
Punarvasu	Pushya	Ashlesha
Uttara Phalguni	Purva Phalguni	Magha
Hasta	Chitra	Swati
Jyeshtha	Anuradha	Vishakha
Mula	Purva Ashadha	Uttara Ashadha
Shatabhisha	Dhanishtha	Shravana
Purva Bhadrapada	Uttara Bhadrapada	Revati

Again, if the lunar constellation or nakshatra of the woman and man fall in different rows it is considered good. If they fall in the same row (especially pitta) it is considered difficult for having healthy children. In our example, the woman's moon is pitta and the man's is kapha so the agreement is good due to the different nadis.

#### 4. Rasi Kuta ( 7 points)

This kuta focuses on the relationship between the Moon signs (rasis) of the couple. It is considered more auspicious for the woman's Moon sign to follow the man's Moon through the opposition of the Moons. If the Moons are in the same sign, it is beneficial if the woman's Moon nakshatra follows the man's Moon nakshatra.

*For example:*

- If the woman's Moon sign is second from the man's moon sign-  
longevity for the couple
- If the woman's Moon sign is third from the man's Moon sign-  
increased happiness
- If the woman's Moon sign is fourth from the man's Moon sign-  
great wealth
- If the woman's Moon sign is fifth from the man's Moon sign-  
enjoyment and prosperity
- If the woman's Moon sign is sixth from the man's Moon sign-  
children will prosper
- If the woman's and man's Moon signs are mutually seventh  
from each other-health, agreement and mutual  
happiness occurs.

**In contrast**, if the man's Moon sign follows the woman's Moon sign adverse effects may occur.

*For example:*

- If the man's Moon sign is second from the woman's Moon.  
sign-evil results will follow
- If the man's Moon sign is third from the woman's Moon sign-  
misery and sorrow
- If the man's Moon sign is fourth from the woman's Moon sign-  
great poverty
- If the man's Moon sign is fifth from the woman's Moon sign-  
unhappiness will occur
- If the man's Moon sign is sixth from the woman's Moon sign-  
loss of children

The cancellation of the negative aspects of Rasi Kuta occurs if the two Moons fall in signs ruled by the same planet such as Taurus and Libra (Venus) or if the ruling planets of the moon signs are friends to each other. In our example, the woman's moon is in Aries ruled by Mars, and the man's Moon is in Cancer ruled by the Moon. The Moon is a friend to Mars which helps to cancel the inauspicious disposition of his Moon sign (Cancer) being in the fourth sign from her Moon sign (Aries). Thus, agreement is secured due to the friendship between Moon and Mars, although they may still have to budget their money carefully due to potential poverty issues in the relationship. However, it appears that only two points are awarded in cases of cancellation.

### **5. Rasyadhipathi or Graha Maitram (5 points)**

This is one of the most important kutas that examines the psychological disposition of the couple. It reflects the mental compatibility and affection for each other. It is based on the friendship between the rulers of their respective Moon rasis (signs). If the lunar rulers are friends, the marriage is greatly enhanced. If they are enemies, the conflict tends to chip away at the foundation of the relationship. In general, the Sun, Moon, Mars and Jupiter are friends, with Mercury, Venus and Saturn being allies. The following is a more specific table of natural planetary friendships:

**Table of Natural Planetary Friendships**

<b>Planet</b>	<b>Friends</b>	<b>Enemies</b>	<b>Neutral</b>
Sun	Moon, Mars, Jupiter	Venus, Saturn	Mercury
Moon	Sun, Mercury	None	Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn
Mercury	Sun, Venus	Moon	Mars, Jupiter,
Saturn			
Venus	Mercury, Saturn	Sun, Moon	Mars, Jupiter
Mars	Sun, Moon, Jupiter	Mercury	Venus, Saturn
Jupiter	Sun, Moon, Mars	Mercury, Venus	Saturn
Saturn	Mercury, Venus	Sun, Moon, Mars	Jupiter

In our example, the woman's Moon sign is Aries ruled by Mars, and the man's Moon sign is Cancer ruled by the Moon. The Moon is a friend to Mars, but Mars is only neutral to the Moon. Thus the kuta agreement is met, although not perfectly. The Cancer man may have to extend himself in this relationship to pacify his Aries (martian) wife. If both lunar rulers are neutral to each other, three points could be awarded. However, if both lords of the Moon sign are enemies to each other, zero points would be given.

## **6. Vasya Kuta (2 points)**

This particular kuta is important in assessing the degree of magnetic control or amenability the husband or wife can have to influence the other person. For each Moon sign, certain Moon signs are amenable to their control. According to Dr. B.V. Raman, the following Moon signs show influence on certain Moon signs.

- Aries Moon — Leo and Scorpio are amenable
- Taurus — Cancer and Libra
- Gemini — Virgo
- Cancer — Scorpio and Sagittarius
- Leo — Libra
- Virgo — Cancer and Pisces
- Libra — Virgo and Capricorn
- Scorpio — Cancer
- Sagittarius — Pisces
- Capricorn — Aries and Aquarius
- Aquarius — Aries
- Pisces — Capricorn

In our example, neither the woman's Moon in Aries or the man's Moon in Cancer have magnetic control over the other. Thus, no agreement for Vasya Kuta is found for this couple.

### **7. Varna Kuta (1 point)**

This factor signifies the degree of spiritual or ego development of the marrying couple.

The four castes in India are related to the natal Moon signs as follows:

Brahmin	—	Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces
Kshatriya	—	Aries, Leo, Sagittarius
Vaisya	—	Gemini, Libra, Aquarius
Sudra	—	Taurus, Virgo, Capricorn

For the kuta agreement to be met, the man should belong to a higher caste or grade than the woman. In our example, the man's Moon is Cancer, belonging to the Brahmin caste while the woman's Moon is Aries, which is of the Vaisya group. Thus, agreement for Varna Kuta is found due to the man being in a higher grade of spiritual development. Varna agreement is also secured if the couple is of the same grade.

### **8. Yoni Kuta (4 points)**

This important factor measures the sexual compatibility of the couple. Yoni Kuta indicates the degree of sexual affinity, sensual desires, and supposedly even the size of sex organs. Certain constellations are male while others are female. According to Dr. B.V. Raman,<sup>1</sup> each nakshatra is also related to a particular animal as listed below:

<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Animal</b>
1. Ashwini	Shatabhisha	Horse
2. Bharani	Revati	Elephant
3. Pushya	Krittika	Sheep
4. Rohini	Mrigashira	Serpent
5. Mula	Ardra	Dog
6. Ashlesha	Punarvasu	Cat
7. Magha	Purva Phalguni	Rat
8. Uttara Phalguni	Uttara Bhadra	Cow
9. Swati	Hasta	Buffalo
10. Vishakha	Chitra	Tiger

11. Jyeshtha	Anuradha	Hare
12. Purva Ashadha	Shravana	Monkey
13. Purva Bhadra	Dhanishtha	Lion
14. Uttara Ashadha	(none)	Mongoose

Marriage between people of the same animal (class of yoni) is said to produce great happiness, perfect harmony and children. For example, a Mula man and an Ardra woman represent the male and female organs of a dog. This combination greatly enhances the kuta point total for this couple. It is generally better if the man is born in a male Moon nakshatra and the woman in a female nakshatra. If both are male, frequent quarrels and lack of agreement around sexuality can occur. In our example of the Ashwini woman and the Ashlesha man, both are male resulting in some conflict within the marriage. If both are female, it is passable for the couple. In homosexual relationships, some astrologers make the dominant person the male and the more passive one the female. However, I have not seen this issue commented on by any of the traditional astrologers of India.

The following pairs are considered inimical to each other and should be avoided:

Cat and Rat	Serpent and Mongoose
Elephant and Lion	Monkey and Sheep
Horse and Buffalo	Cow and Tiger
Dog and Hare	

## **9. Rajju** (no points assigned)

Although no points are assigned, this important factor indicates the duration or strength of married life. The 27 nakshatras have been grouped into five different groups as follows with their associated difficulties:

**Padarajju:** Ashwini, Ashlesha, Magha, Jyeshtha, Mula, and Revati, Pada (foot) means the couple will always be wandering.

**Katirajju:** Bharani, Pushya, Purva Phalguni, Anuradha, Purva Ashadha, and Uttara Bhadrapada. Kati (waist) indicates poverty may occur.

**Udararajju:** Kritika, Punarvasu, Uttara Phalguni, Vishakha, Uttara Ashadha, and Purva Bhadrapada. Udara (stomach) can indicate a loss of a child.

**Kantarajju:** Rohini, Ardra, Hasta, Swati, Shravana, and Shatabhisha. Kanta (neck) may reflect the death of the wife.

**Sirorajju:** Mrigashira, Chitra, and Dhanishtha. Siri (head) indicates that the husband may die first.

Thus, the lunar nakshatras of the couple should not fall in the same group or rajju. In our example of the Ashwini woman and Ashlesha man, both fall in padarajju. Thus, the couple may always be wandering or travelling.

#### **10. Stree-Deergha (no points assigned)**

The man's lunar nakshatra should be beyond the ninth of the woman's asterism.

Dr. Raman states that according to some authorities the distance should be more than seven constellations away. Stree-Deergha is cancelled if Rasi Kuta and Graha Maitram are present. In our example, the man's nakshatra (Ashlesha) is nine constellations away from the woman's (Ashwini). Thus, agreement in regard to Stree-Deergha is borderline.

#### **11. Vedha (no points assigned)**

Certain nakshatras are very inimical to others. Vedha means affliction that is brought about by the uniting of two conflicting nakshatras. In our example, the couple does not belong to a Vedha Kuta pair. The following pairs are generally not suitable for marriage unless there are other mitigating factors.

Ashwini and	Jyeshtha
Bharani and	Anuradha
Krittika and	Vishakha
Rohini and	Swati
Ardra and	Shravana
Punarvasu and	Uttara Ashadha
Pushya and	Purva Ashadha
Ashlesha and	Mula
Magha and	Revati
Purva Phalguni and	Uttara Bhadra
Hasta and	Shatabhisha
Mrigashira and	Dhanishtha

## 12. Mahendra (no points assigned)

The Moon nakshatra of the man counted from the woman's Moon nakshatra should be 4th, 7th, 10th, 16th, 19th, 22nd, or 25th. According to Dr. Raman, this promotes well-being in the marriage and increases longevity. In our example, the man's nakshatra is ninth from that of the woman. Thus, Mahendra Kuta is absent.

## 13. Other Important Factors

In addition to the kuta point system, many other factors should be analyzed for relationship compatibility. The following are **some of the most important factors that should analyzed.**

1. Look to the seventh house for marital karma. What planets are located in the seventh house? Are they benefic or malefic? What is the condition of the ruler of

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*The table on the following page gives the points of agreement for Yoni Kuta. The animal corresponding to the woman's Moon nakshatra is the vertical column running down the page, with the man's animal listed across the horizontal column. In our example, the woman's yoni is a male horse and the man's yoni is a male cat. The unit of agreement is two points for this couple.*

## Yoni Kuta Table 1

In this table, units for matching different Yonis are given. Suppose the man's lunar star is Ashlesha signifying the Yoni of a cat and the woman's lunar star is Ashwini signifying the horse. In the "male" column find *cat* by looking across the horizontal column and find its intersection with *horse* in the "female" column. The Yoni Kuta is 2.

Yoni	Male													
	Horse	Elephant	Sheep	Serpent	Dog	Cat	Rat	Cow	Buffalo	Tiger	Hare	Monkey	Mongoose	Lion
Horse	4	2	2	3	2	2	2	1	0	1	3	3	2	1
Elephant	2	4	3	3	2	2	2	2	3	1	2	3	2	0
Sheep	2	3	4	2	1	2	1	3	3	1	2	0	3	1
Serpent	3	3	2	4	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	0	2
Dog	2	2	1	2	4	2	1	2	2	1	0	2	1	1
Cat	2	2	2	1	2	4	0	2	2	1	3	3	2	1
Rat	2	2	1	1	1	0	4	2	2	2	2	2	1	2
Cow	1	2	3	1	2	2	2	4	3	0	3	2	2	1
Buffalo	0	3	3	1	2	2	2	3	4	1	2	2	2	1
Tiger	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	0	1	4	1	1	2	1
Hare	1	2	2	2	0	3	2	3	2	1	4	2	2	1
Monkey	3	3	0	2	2	3	2	2	2	1	2	4	3	2
Mongoose	2	2	3	0	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	3	4	2
Lion	1	0	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	4

the seventh house? The ruler of the seventh house being placed in the third, sixth, eighth, or twelfth house is generally difficult for early marriage. Saturn or Mars ruling the seventh house can create challenges as well unless they are well-placed by sign and house. What planets are aspecting the seventh house?

2. What is the condition of the eighth house? It is generally better if it is unoccupied. Malefics placed in the eighth house, particularly Mars, Rahu or Ketu, reflect difficult marital karma.
3. Carefully consider the potential longevity of each individual. Richard Houck's book, *The Astrology of Death*<sup>2</sup> is an excellent book for exploring longevity issues. Saturn, the Ascendant, and the eighth house are a few of the important factors that must be assessed.
4. The compatibility between the Ascendants and their rulers. Are they friends to each other? Does the Ascendant fall in a favorable house in the mate's natal chart?
5. Are the current and future dasha/bhukti periods that will be operating for the couple favorable for marriage? Generally speaking, Venus, Jupiter and the Moon planetary periods are more user-friendly dashas for marital harmony.
6. The compatibility of the two Mercurys for effective communication. What is the relationship of the respective Mercury to each other by sign? A 6/8 or 2/12 placement by sign tends to be more challenging; whereas, the conjunction, opposition, 3/11 or 5/9 relationship to each other is generally more auspicious.
7. The compatibility of the Mars energy between the couple. A conjunction, 3/11 or 5/9 relationship by sign to each other is usually smoother. When natal Mars is placed in certain houses a challenging condition called Kuja Dosha occurs which can result in difficult karma for early marriage. It is generally considered better if

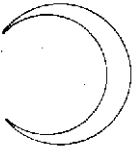
## Nakshatra Compatibility Table

		Aries	Taurus	Gemini	Cancer	Leo	Virgo
	Male Lunar Star →						
	Female Lunar Star ↓						
Aries	Ashwini 4	28 33 27	17 23 22	25 16 17	22 30 27	20 24 14	9 10 12
	Bharani 4	33 28 23	18 26 14	17 25 25	30 22 24	19 17 24	19 18 3
	Krittika 1	26 28 28	18 10 16	19 19 19	24 26 22	15 10 20	15 14 17
Taurus	Krittika 3	19 19 19	28 18 26	17 17 17	21 23 19	19 21 22	20 18 23
	Rohini 4	23 23 11	20 28 30	26 23 22	26 27 12	10 24 27	25 25 18
	Mrigashira 2	23 24 18	27 35 28	18 31 22	26 19 21	19 15 24	23 25 11
Gemini	Mrigashira 2	28 17 21	19 26 19	28 33 31	18 11 13	22 18 27	31 34 20
	Ardra 4	18 26 21	19 24 25	34 28 25	12 20 12	21 27 20	24 24 27
	Punarvasu 3	18 25 21	19 22 23	31 24 28	14 21 15	21 25 19	23 24 26
Cancer	Punarvasu 3	21 28 24	21 24 25	17 10 13	28 34 28	16 20 14	16 17 19
	Pushya 4	29 20 26	23 25 18	10 18 24	34 28 29	18 14 23	15 25 11
	Ashlesha 4	25 23 21	18 11 19	11 11 13	27 28 28	15 15 17	19 19 24
Leo	Magha 4	19 19 15	16 9 17	20 20 19	16 18 16	28 30 26	14 14 19
	P. Phalguni 4	25 17 19	20 23 15	18 26 25	22 16 10	30 28 34	24 20 5
	U. Phalguni 1	15 25 20	21 26 24	27 19 17	14 23 18	26 34 28	16 15 12
Virgo	U. Phalguni 3	11 21 16	20 25 24	31 21 23	17 20 20	15 23 17	28 27 24
	Hasta 4	11 18 16	20 23 24	32 18 23	18 26 21	16 20 15	26 28 28
	Chitra 2	12 4 18	23 18 10	18 22 24	21 11 25	20 6 13	24 27 28
Libra	Chitra 2	22 14 28	23 18 10	12 20 18	19 11 25	24 10 17	27 20 20
	Swati 4	20 18 16	11 14 24	26 26 27	27 20 13	12 24 25	25 27 21
	Vishakha 3	21 22 20	23 9 17	18 20 20	20 20 17	16 18 17	17 18 26
Scorpio	Vishakha 1	16 16 14	19 13 21	11 12 12	18 18 14	24 22 21	17 18 26
	Anuradha 4	23 14 18	23 27 20	10 15 19	25 17 20	24 20 28	24 25 11
	Jyeshtha 4	10 17 23	18 22 29	12 2 4	9 19 25	31 23 15	11 11 24
Sagittarius	Mula 4	11 19 25	19 12 12	21 14 12	7 17 23	24 18 9	13 13 26
	P. Ashadha 4	25 17 19	14 18 10	19 26 27	22 14 16	19 17 25	28 27 12
	U. Ashadha 1	24 25 11	6 10 16	25 26 27	22 22 8	8 24 25	28 28 20
Capricorn	U. Ashadha 3	27 28 14	12 16 22	19 24 21	28 28 14	4 20 21	24 24 15
	Shravana 4	28 27 14	12 17 26	23 19 21	28 28 14	5 18 20	23 24 17
	Dhanishtha 2	20 11 26	23 19 11	18 16 14	21 13 27	18 4 10	15 17 15
Aquarius	Dhanishtha 2	19 10 25	30 25 17	11 18 17	12 4 18	24 10 18	17 19 17
	Shatabhisha 4	14 20 26	31 25 26	20 12 12	6 13 19	25 19 11	10 10 25
	P. Bhadrapada 3	17 24 19	24 30 30	23 17 17	11 19 12	18 26 16	15 15 17
Pisces	P. Bhadrapada 1	11 21 16	19 25 25	24 17 17	17 25 17	16 22 14	16 16 18
	U. Bhadrapada 4	23 25 18	21 26 18	17 25 26	26 19 20	17 25 25	27 26 9
	Revati 4	25 23 10	13 17 26	25 24 25	24 26 13	12 22 22	24 25 19

**Explanation:** In the first column look for the Moon Nakshatra of the woman.

From there trace horizontally until the column of the Male Moon Nakshatra intersects. The figure in the intersecting place is the number of total compatibility units. Table published by permission from Dr. B.V. Raman.<sup>1</sup>

# Nakshatra Compatibility Table

Libra			Scorpio			Sagittarius			Capricorn			Aquarius			Pisces				
Chitra 2	Swati 4	Vishakha 3	Vishakha 1	Anuradha 4	Jyeshtha 4	Mula 4	P. Ashadha 4	U. Ashadha 1	U. Ashadha 3	Shravana 4	Dhanishtha 2	Dhanishtha 2	Shatabhisha 4	P. Bhadrpadapa 3	P. Bhadrpadapa 1	U. Bhadrpadapa 4	Revati 4		
22 28 22	18 24 13	12 24 23	25 26 20	19 14 15	14 23 26	Ashwini 4													
13 28 21	18 17 19	19 17 25	27 28 10	9 19 23	22 4 25	Bharani 4													
27 14 19	16 19 25	25 19 11	13 13 25	24 25 18	17 14 10	Krittika 1													
22 9 14	21 24 30	22 15 7	12 10 24	29 30 23	20 22 13	Krittika 3													
17 15 8	14 29 23	13 19 11	16 18 19	24 24 29	26 27 19	Rohini 4													
10 9 17	23 21 24	14 10 16	21 26 12	17 26 28	25 18 27	Mrigashira 2													
13 27 19	13 13 14	23 19 23	19 24 10	12 21 22	24 17 26	Mrigashira 2													
20 27 20	13 19 5	15 28 27	21 22 17	19 12 17	18 26 26	Ardra 4													
19 27 21	14 20 6	14 27 27	21 22 16	18 13 16	17 26 26	Punarvasu 3													
19 26 20	19 25 10	7 20 20	16 27 21	12 5 9	18 25 24	Punarvasu 3													
11 25 20	19 17 20	17 12 20	26 27 13	4 13 17	26 18 26	Pushya 4													
24 11 16	14 19 25	22 15 7	13 13 26	17 18 11	17 20 12	Ashlesha 4													
23 10 15	24 24 32	24 19 8	3 4 17	23 24 17	17 18 12	Magha 4													
9 24 17	23 22 24	20 17 24	19 18 5	9 18 23	23 16 24	P. Phalguni 4													
16 25 16	22 30 16	9 25 25	20 20 11	17 10 15	15 26 24	U. Phalguni 1													
16 25 16	18 28 12	14 29 29	24 24 15	16 9 14	17 28 16	U. Phalguni 3													
29 26 18	20 26 13	15 27 23	23 24 18	10 10 13	15 26 24	Hasta 4													
19 19 25	27 11 25	27 13 21	15 17 15	16 24 16	19 10 19	Chitra 2													
29 27 33	22 6 20	27 13 21	23 25 23	18 26 18	12 3 12	Chitra 2													
28 28 20	9 21 15	23 27 19	21 22 26	21 22 25	18 19 11	Swati 4													
33 19 28	16 16 21	27 21 13	15 15 29	24 26 20	13 12 4	Vishakha 3													
21 7 15	28 27 31	21 15 7	11 11 25	24 25 19	19 18 9	Vishakha 1													
6 20 16	28 28 31	15 13 21	25 26 12	11 20 24	24 17 26	Anuradha 4													
19 14 10	31 30 28	14 16 16	20 20 25	24 17 10	9 20 20	Jyeshtha 4													
26 21 26	22 16 16	28 28 13	13 14 19	28 21 14	16 24 26	Mula 4													
12 27 20	16 15 17	27 38 24	22 22 5	14 23 28	20 22 30	P. Ashadha 4													
20 19 12	18 23 17	25 35 28	16 15 13	22 23 28	20 30 22	U. Ashadha 1													
22 31 14	12 27 21	14 24 17	28 27 25	15 16 21	29 30 22	U. Ashadha 3													
24 21 14	12 27 21	14 22 15	26 28 27	17 17 20	28 29 23	Shravana 4													
29 24 28	26 12 26	20 6 14	25 27 28	17 23 17	24 15 22	Dhanishtha 2													
18 20 24	25 11 25	20 15 23	16 18 18	28 33 27	16 6 13	Dhanishtha 2													
20 21 26	26 20 18	22 24 24	17 17 24	33 28 29	8 24 15	Shatabhisha 4													
18 26 20	20 26 11	15 29 29	22 22 27	27 19 28	16 22 19	P. Bhadrpadapa 3													
11 18 12	19 25 9	14 28 28	28 28 24	15 7 15	28 33 30	P. Bhadrpadapa 1													
2 19 11	18 18 23	23 21 29	29 29 14	5 24 21	33 28 33	U. Bhadrpadapa 4													
12 10 4	10 20 21	26 28 20	23 21 22	13 15 17	29 33 28	Revati 4													

**Example:** The man's star is Ashlesha (Cancer). The woman's star is Ashwini (Aries). Run your eye down the first column till "Aries—Ashwini." From this place trace horizontally across until the column "Cancer—Ashlesha" is reached. The total compatibility units for this couple are 27.

both partners have Kuja Dosha (Mars in the first, second, fourth, seventh, eighth or twelfth house) to balance or mitigate the negative interpersonal energy. For example, people with Mars in the first and seventh tend to be combative and dominating in relationship. Mars in the second indicates harsh speech. Mars placed in the fourth house reflects an aggressive emotional nature and an intense home life. Mars in the eighth house can indicate an early death of the mate. Finally, Mars in the twelfth may reflect hidden passions or repressed anger. If both people do not have Kuja Dosha it is also considered good for marital harmony. Another antidote for kuja dosha is to counsel the individual to wait on marriage until at least thirty, so they can develop more emotional maturity. Kuja Dosha usually mellows with age.

8. The harmony between the respective Venus placements. The conjunction, opposition, 3/11, 5/9 relationship by sign is considered to be positive. Venus placed in the sign of Aries, Virgo (i.e.: Prince Charles) or Scorpio in a man's natal chart does not bode well for early marital happiness unless he is running a favorable dasha or other mitigating factors are present.
9. The relationship between the two natal Jupiters. If they are conjunct, trine or in opposition to each other by sign it is considered helpful to the spirituality and prosperity of the union. Jupiter placed in Capricorn in a woman's chart is generally unfavorable for marital happiness (i.e.: Princess Diana).
10. What kind of a relationship is the couple desiring? The astrologer may project his own idea of what a healthy relationship is onto the couple. Some couples may need to have a more non-traditional relationship. Special rules may need to be developed for gay relationships due to these issues not being addressed in the classical Vedic Astrology texts.

11. For making a mature decision in marriage, wait until the ruler of the seventh house has matured. For example, if the person is a Cancer or Leo Ascendant, Saturn rules there seventh house and could indicate that a later marriage will be more favorable (after 35). According to James Braha<sup>3</sup>, the planets mature at a specific age as follows:

Sun	— 21-22 years
Moon	— 23-24 years
Venus	— 24-25 years
Mars	— 27-28 years
Mercury	— 31-32 years
Saturn	— 35-36 years
Jupiter*	— 15-16 years

*\* Wait at least until the second Jupiter return around the age of 24.*

12. A thorough assessment of the Navamsa chart emphasizing the seventh house for marriage karma.
13. Finally, by choosing an auspicious time or muhurtha for the marriage, many of the difficult challenges indicated in the chart comparison of the couple can be minimized or reduced to a great extent. The following factors should be considered.
- A. Choose an auspicious lunar nakshatra. Rohini, Mrigashira, Uttara Phalguni, Hasta, Swati, Anuradha, Uttara Ashadha, Uttara Bhadrapada and Revati are considered the best.
  - B. The Moon should be waxing (moving toward a Full Moon). The best signs for the Moon are Gemini, Virgo, and Libra. The next best signs are Taurus, Cancer, Leo, Sagittarius, Aquarius, and Pisces. The least favorable Moon signs for marriage are Aries, Scorpio, and Capricorn
  - C. The tenth through twelfth lunar days or *tithis* are considered auspicious for marriage. Their names are Dasami, Ekadasi, and Dwadasi.

- D. The Ascendant and seventh house of the wedding chart should not be afflicted and the rulers of these houses should be well-placed.
- E. If possible, the seventh and eighth houses should be empty and definitely no malefics such as Mars, Saturn or Rahu.
- F. Good marriage days are Monday (Moon), Thursday (Jupiter), and Friday (Venus). Wednesday (Mercury) and Sunday (Sun) are somewhat neutral. Saturday (Saturn) and especially Tuesday (Mars) should be avoided.
- G. Generally, the late spring and early summer months are considered more favorable times of the year for marriage.



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# Planets at a Glance

	☉ SUN (SURYA)	☾ MOON (CHANDRA)	☿ MERCURY (BUDHA)	♀ VENUS (SUKRA)
RULING SIGN	♌ LEO	♋ CANCER	♊ GEMINI ♍ VIRGO	♉ Taurus ♎ LIBRA
GENERAL ATTRIBUTES	Physical appearance, Atman (soul) Ego development Status, Dignity, Authority, Power, Leadership, Self development, Father, King, Nobility, Government, Politics, Creativity, Achievement, Courage,	Mother, Females, Early childhood, Past experience, Perceptual mind, Emotions, Desire nature Queen, Royalty, Women, Feelings, Nurturing, Protecting, Success with the public	Rational Mind, Speech, Education, Communication, Language, Writing, Intelligence, Logic, Understanding, Discrimination, Knowledge	Wife, Marriage, Love, Women, Partnership, Beauty, Art, Singing, Music, Creativity, Cooperation, Harmony, Gems, Flowers, Contentment, Happiness, Pleasure, Addictions
PHYSICAL ATTRIBUTES	Head, Right eye Circulation, Heart, General vitality	Blood, Stomach, Lungs, Left eye, Breasts, Womb	Nervous system, Lungs, Mouth, Skin, Tongue	Face, Kidneys Reproductive system
AYURVEDIC NATURE	Pitta nature	Kapha nature	Vata nature	Kapha nature
ELEMENTAL KINGDOM	Fire kingdom	Water kingdom	Wind kingdom	Plant kingdom
EXALTED SIGN	10° Aries	3° Taurus	15° Virgo	27° Pisces
NEECHA SIGN	10° Libra	3° Scorpio	15° Pisces	27° Virgo
DIG BALA	Tenth	Fourth	First	Fourth
GEMSTONES	Ruby, Garnet	Pearl, Moonstone	Emerald, Jade, Green Tourmaline, Peridot	Diamond, White Sapphire
DEITIES	Shiva, Agni	Shakti, Parvati,	Vishnu, Narayana	Lakshmi, Indra

# Planets at a Glance

♂ MARS (MANGAL)	♃ JUPITER (GURU)	♄ SATURN (SANI)	♅ RAHU (N. NODE)	♆ KETU (S. NODE)
♈ ARIES ♏ SCORPIO	♊ SAGITTARIUS ♋ PISCES	♒ AQUARIUS ♑ CAPRICORN	♉ TAURUS	♏ SCORPIO
Sexuality, Brothers, Enemies, Conflicts, Oppression, Discord, Accidents, Fire, Police, Military, Adventure, Courage, Valor, Force, Energy, Independence, Achievement, Dynamism	Children, Husband, Religion, Education, Vedic studies, Guru, Teacher, Meditation, Yagyas, Devotion to God, Holy places, Pilgrimages, Wealth, Law, Politics, Foreign travel, Optimism, Faith, Progress, Growth, Good Fortune, Enlightenment	Authority figures, Father, Structure, Organization, Death, Loss, Misfortune, Calamities, Separation, Limitations, Servants, Agriculture, Foreign areas, Conservation, Stability, Truth, Perseverance	Worldly desires, Psychology, Foreign lands, Separation, Adversities, Fear, Low status, Crime, Drugs, Alcohol, Renunciation, Harsh speech, Insanity	Moksha, Mystical experience, Divine knowledge, Occult studies, Ascetic nature, Astrology, Intrigues, Confusion, Doubt, Vagueness, Accidents, Sleep, Dreams, Psychic ability
Blood, Muscles, Stamina, Strength	Liver, Circulation, Fat, Allergies	Bones, Nerves, Teeth, Chronic illness	Nervous system, Chronic illness, Mental illness	Mental confusion, Accidents
Pitta nature	Kapha nature	Vata nature	Vata nature	Pitta nature
Animal kingdom	Sky kingdom	Rock kingdom	Astral kingdom	Causal kingdom
28° Capricorn	5° Cancer	20° Libra	15° Taurus	15° Scorpio
28° Cancer	5° Capricorn	20° Aries	15° Scorpio	15° Taurus
Tenth	First	Seventh	Tenth	Twelfth
Red Coral, Pink Coral	Yellow Sapphire, Golden Topaz, Citrine	Blue Sapphire, Amethyst, Lapis Lazuli	Hessonite Garnet, Gomed	Cat's Eye, Chrysoberyl
Skanda, Bhumi	Ganesh, Indra	Shiva, Kali, Yama	Durga, Sarpa	Rudra, Brahma

# Houses at a Glance

*The Vedic natal chart is divided into twelve houses which are called bhavas. Each house represents different fields of action or activity. The following are significations for the twelve houses:*

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## First House

Bodily appearance, character, early childhood, health and vitality, personality, fame, longevity.

Head or face.

Dharma house (right action)

Karaka: Sun

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## Second House

Money, family life, domestic harmony, food or diet, intellect, powers of speech and writing, jewelry, dress.

Mouth, nose, right eye.

Artha house (wealth)

Karakas: Jupiter, Mercury

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## Third House

Brothers, younger siblings, fine arts (music, dance, drama), courage and adventure,

skill with hands, short journeys, inquisitive mind, ambition, will.

Hands, arms, throat.

Kama house (desire)

Karaka: Mars

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## Fourth House

Mother, happiness, contentment, property and real estate, formal education, subconscious mind, close of life.

Chest, lungs, heart.

Moksha house (liberation)

Karakas: Moon, Venus

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## Fifth House

Children, love affairs, romance, creative intelligence, wisdom, poorvapunya (past life credit).

Stomach (sometimes heart).

Dharma house (right action)

Karaka: Jupiter

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## Sixth House

Service, detail work, medicine, catering, pets, enemies, disease, effort and hard work, debts.

Navel, intestines.

Artha house (wealth)

Karakas: Mars, Saturn

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## Seventh House

Marriage partner, quality of married life, love and passion, social nature, business partnerships.

Below navel, kidneys, veins.

Kama house (desire)

Karakas: Venus, Jupiter

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## Eighth House

Death, longevity, inheritance, mystical nature, psychic ability, knowledge of psychology,

delays, fears, misfortune. Reproductive systems, chronic illness.

Moksha house (liberation)

Karaka: Saturn

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## Ninth House

Father, wisdom, guru, religion, philosophy, long journeys, law, teachers, higher education, *bhaga* or good fortune.

Thighs and hips.

Dharma house (right action)

Karakas: Jupiter, Sun

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## Tenth House

Career or vocation (also first house), status, power, house of action, achievement, good deeds.

Knees.

Artha house (wealth)

Karakas: Sun, Mercury, Jupiter

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## Eleventh House

Friends, groups, profits and gains, sisters and older siblings, goals, hopes, dreams, aspirations.

Legs and ankles, calves.

Kama house (desire)

Karaka: Jupiter

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## Twelfth House

Enlightenment, bed pleasures, sleep, expenditures, confusion, sorrow, confinement, loss, seclusion, your next life.

Feet, left eye, hearing.

Moksha house (liberation)

Karakas: Saturn, Ketu

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## **Aries Lagna (Mesha)—The Ram**

Pioneering in new directions, adventurous spirit, need for travel  
Masculine, love exercise and movement (Cardinal or movable sign)  
Proud, heroic, courageous nature—spiritual warrior  
Passionate, strong, intense drive—quick to anger  
Assertive, aggressive nature- can coerce others to join them  
Good leadership abilities, ambitious, motivated  
Independent thinkers, scientific nature  
Pitta nature

### **Shadow issues**

Trouble in marriage, due to narcissism  
Difficulties finding a home and settling down, challenges with mother  
Few children (Sun rules fifth house)  
Scar on the body, head injuries, accident prone nature  
Issues with anger, aggression, impatience, need to slow down

### **Famous People**

Martin Luther King	Joe Pesci
Alexander the Great	Liza Minnelli
Robert Kennedy	Billy Crystal
Swami Muktananda	Charles Manson
Mia Farrow	

### **Friends**

Mars, Sun, Moon, Jupiter

### **Enemies**

Venus, Mercury, Saturn



## **Taurus Lagna (Vrishabha)—The Bull**

Creative intelligence, good speaking and writing skills  
Attractive and charismatic, soft pleasing nature  
Great endurance, determination, and stamina  
Self-reliant, proud, ambitious; don't try to boss the bull  
Produces high quality work, successful career  
Can be very amorous and affectionate, forgiving nature  
Love of pleasure and beautiful art objects, enjoy good food  
Kapha nature

### **Shadow issues**

Troubles in early marriage, few children  
Stubborn (fixed sign) and can become violent if pushed to hard  
Can be easily seduced, over-sexed  
Hedonistic tendencies, need to watch diet  
Materialistic nature  
Arrogance and pride issues

### **Famous People**

Sri Krishna	Drew Barrymore
Queen Victoria	Michelle Pfeiffer
Bagwan Rajaneesh	Diana Rigg
Mick Jagger	Dennis Flaherty
Burt Reynolds	James Braha
Wilt Chamberlain	Werner Erhard

### **Friends**

Venus, Mercury, Saturn (Yoga—Karaka)

### **Enemies**

Sun, Moon, Mars, Jupiter



## **Gemini Lagna (Mithuna)—The Twins**

Very mental, intellectual people, philosophical  
Mutable, chameleon nature  
Can see things from different points of view  
Love of science, literature, arts and crafts  
Need variety, get bored easily  
Alluring and refined quality, very talkative, sweet speech  
Like to work indoors, dual careers  
Good for writers, teachers, scientists, counselors, astrologers  
May also have clerical skills  
Vata Nature

### **Shadow issues**

Sensitive nervous system, health issues  
(Mars rules sixth and eleventh houses)  
Do not like physical labor  
Few children, expenditures through them  
(Venus rules fifth and twelfth houses)  
Do not want burdensome family responsibilities, free spirits  
May talk too much and put their foot in their mouth  
Too much in their heads, walking cerebrums

### **Famous People**

Albert Einstein	Robert Hand	Noel Tyl
Richard Tarnas	Leonard Nimoy	Orson Welles
Robert Deniro	Cher	Madam Blavatsky
Ram Dass	Swami Kriyananda	Pope John Paul
Ross Perot		

### **Friends**

Mercury, Saturn, Venus (Yoga—Karaka)

### **Enemies**

Sun, Moon, Jupiter, and Mars (highly malefic—6 and 11 Lords)



## **Cancer Lagna (Karkata)—The Crab**

Very emotional nature, care deeply for others  
Attached to their home, but love travel  
Like to work around their home  
Many friends, but introverted at times  
Intelligent, good imagination, psychic  
Religious, charitable nature, maternal  
Proud, virtuous nature, spiritual warrior  
Fights for a cause (Mars), humanitarian concern  
Need to live near water  
Kapha nature

### **Shadow issues**

Difficult marital karma, later marriage better  
(Saturn rules 7th & 8th houses)  
Few children or a loss of child (Mars rules the fifth house)  
Issues with anger, fussiness, overly sensitive, jealous  
Mental confusion (Mercury rules 3rd & 12th houses)  
Timid and shy if the moon is afflicted, unfixed in pursuits  
Kapha or Pitta nature

### **Famous People**

Marilyn Monroe	Jack Nicholson
Prince Charles	John Travolta
Al Gore	Sting
Muhammed Ali	Meryl Streep
Howard Cosell	Tina Turner
Sri Aurobindo	Aleister Crowley

### **Friends**

Sun, Moon, Jupiter and Mars (Yoga—Karaka)

### **Enemies**

Mercury, Venus and Saturn (highly malefic—rules 7th and 8th houses)



## **Leo Lagna (Simha)—The Lion**

Fame, power, wealth and success  
 Leadership ability, creative nature  
 Majestic appearance, honorable and respected  
 Sincere in their affections, faithful (fixed sign)  
 Strong issues with loyalty and trust  
 Love of sports and entertainment  
 Gifts in music, dance and drama  
 Need to be totally involved in their work, set high standards  
 Self-employed or in management positions  
 Political interests, government work  
 Interested in God-realization, mystical nature  
 May live in mountain regions, gains thru property  
 Pitta nature

### **Shadow issues**

Arrogance and vanity  
 Trouble in early marriage (Saturn rules 6th and 7th houses)  
 Limits the number of children, challenges (Jupiter rules 5th and 8th houses)  
 Issues with anger and impatience  
 Set their goals too high, experience disappointment  
 Conflict with employers, need to be their own boss  
 Strong sexual desires, need to learn to tame the inner beast

### **Famous People**

Paramhansa Yogananda	Franklin D. Roosevelt	George Bush
Madonna	Elton John	Tom Hanks
Uma Thurman	Oprah Winfrey	Mozart
James Taylor	Richard Nixon	O.J. Simpson
Ted Bundy	Alan Leo	Dr. K.S. Charak
Chakrapani Ullal	Dennis Harness	

### **Friends**

Sun, Jupiter, Mars (Yoga—Karaka)      Moon—Neutral

### **Enemies**

Venus, Mercury, Saturn



## Virgo Lagna (Kanya)—The Virgin or Maiden

Intelligent, discriminating nature, detail oriented  
Analytical nature, good with mathematics or computers  
Attractive, well-dressed, clean (cleanliness is next to godliness)  
Eat good quality food, interest in self-healing  
May work in food service of healing professions  
Need a lot of variety in their work  
Success in business and communications work  
Interest in arts and music, good education (Venus rules 2nd and 9th)  
Gentle nature, shy and naive, feminine sign  
Love of nature and greenery, enjoy hiking  
Deep sensuality behind closed doors  
Peaceful end of life, spiritual home, religious nature  
Vata nature

### **Shadow issues**

Critical, judgmental nature  
Trouble with health, sensitive nervous system and digestion  
Marital difficulties, need a spiritual mate  
Few children if any (challenges due to  
Saturn ruling 5th and 6th houses)  
May have anxiety about the world due to perfectionistic nature  
May lack self-confidence, dislike conflict

### **Famous People**

Bill Clinton	John F. Kennedy	Sally Field
Winston Churchill	Julie Andrews	Tiger Woods
John Lennon	Paul McCartney	Cat Stevens
Shirley McClaine	Warren Beatty	James Kelleher
Richard Chamberlain	Jacques Cousteau	

### **Friends**

Mercury, Saturn, Venus (Yoga—Karaka)

### **Enemies**

Sun, Moon, Jupiter and Mars (very malefic—rules 3rd and 8th houses)



## **Libra Lagna (Tula)—The Scales**

Considered the strongest ascendant, political power and leadership

Skillful in business and trade, career success

Searches for beauty, truth and fairness

Very frank and forceful about their opinions, militant nature

Good social psychologists, contribute to humanity

(Moon rules the 10th)

Love of social functions, groups and many friends

Government jobs, organizational development skills

Good at mediation, can see both sides of an issue, interest in law

Sensual nature, like to live in comfort, owns property

Active nature, love of travel to foreign lands

(Mercury rules 9th and 12th houses)

Cardinal or moveable sign

Vata nature

### **Shadow issues**

Difficult for early marriage (Mars rules 7th house)

Few children if any (Saturn rules the fifth)

Overly zealous about their ideals, may become dictatorial

Need to be discriminating about their friends and associates

Can be indulgent if Venus is afflicted

### **Famous People**

Mahatma Gandhi

Jimmy Carter

John Glenn

Adolph Hitler

Joseph Stalin

Napoleon

Sigmund Freud

Alfred Adler

Oliver Stone

Marcia Clark

Johnny Carson

Clint Eastwood

Frank Sinatra

Jackie Onassis

Diane Keaton

Gloria Steinham

Ramana Maharshi

Jeffrey Green

David Frawley

William Levacy

K.N. Rao

### **Friends**

Venus, Mercury, and Saturn (Yoga—Karaka)

### **Enemies**

Sun, Jupiter, Mars (double maraka)      Moon—neutral



## **Scorpio Lagna (Vrischika)—The Scorpion**

Youthful appearance, strong, courageous  
 Intense, forceful nature, need for excitement  
 Self-reliant, competitive, determined people  
 Secretive, love of the occult or hidden things  
 Work in medicine, pharmacology, hospice settings  
 Good for detective, police work and research  
 Interest in the creative arts, mate may be an artist  
 Deep sensual nature, passionate  
 Good teaching abilities, especially one on one  
 Take pride in being unconventional  
 Pitta nature

### **Shadow issues**

Difficult marital karma, loss of mate  
 (Venus rules 7th and 12th houses)  
 Temperamental differences with mate,  
 may try to dominate or control partner  
 Revengeful if betrayed, issues with anger  
 Brooding nature, pessimistic  
 Loss of father or trouble with teachers/gurus  
 Rebellious, question authority figures

### **Famous People**

Princess Diana	Eleanor Roosevelt	Elvis Presley
Elizabeth Taylor	Marlon Brando	James Dean
Herman Hesse	Nietzsche	Bob Dylan
Winona Ryder	Dinesh Sharma	Jeanne Dixon
Christina Collins Hill	Steven Stuckey	

### **Friends**

Sun, Moon, Mars and Jupiter

### **Enemies**

Venus, Mercury, Saturn



## **Sagittarius Lagna (Dhanu)—The Archer or Centaur**

Noble, active, travel a lot, need for adventure  
 Athletic, healthy, cheerful and optimistic nature  
 Leadership skills, independent profession  
 Philosophical, excellent for writing and teaching  
 May have two careers, communications work  
 Humanitarian, need to fight for a good cause, valiant  
 Great achievement if they can get behind an ideal or movement  
 Success in foreign lands or away from birth place  
 Good parenting skills, excellent counselors  
 Spiritually oriented, virtuous nature  
 Fond of hiking and vision quests  
 Get nice homes, gains thru property  
 Honored by noble people, sacrifice themselves for others  
 Need intelligent and successful mate that helps their career  
 Open-hearted and generous, fair and just  
 Kapha and pitta nature

### **Shadow issues**

Opinionated, arrogant, need to watch speech  
 Need to budget money, fear of poverty  
 Trouble with siblings  
 Loss of child  
 Need to learn discrimination in sexual matters, promiscuous

### **Famous People**

Mother Teresa	J. Edgar Hoover	Ted Kennedy
Jimmy Swaggart	Paul Newman	Dustin Hoffman
Priscilla Presley	Sophia Loren	Kenneth Johnson
Sean Connery	Jim Jones	

### **Friends**

Sun, Mars, Jupiter      Moon—Neutral

### **Enemies**

Venus, Mercury, and Saturn



## **Capricorn Lagna (Makara)—The Sea-Goat or Crocodile**

Career oriented, success in the business world, ambitious  
 Sure-footed goat climbing the mountain step by step  
 Patience and perseverance brings wealth  
 Good organizational ability, good reputation  
 Hard workers, perform difficult tasks  
 Love of travel particularly for business or educational endeavors  
 Conservative nature, like ancient ways and tradition  
 Love of children, successful, artistic children.  
 Success more in the second half of life  
 Interest in the fine arts, creative business ideas  
 Dry sense of humor  
 Vata Nature

### **Shadow issues**

Pessimistic, feel unappreciated, difficult early life  
 Critical nature, picky, focus on the flaws too much  
 Cold-hearted and calculating in business  
 Dissatisfaction with the home or family life  
 Few children (Jupiter rules 3rd and 12th houses)  
 Miserly nature  
 Troubles with arthritis or fatigue if Saturn is afflicted

### **Famous People**

C. G. Jung	Edward, Duke of Windsor	Rodin
Jane Fonda	Kirk Douglas	Martin Sheen
Whoopi Goldberg	Michael J. Fox	Roseanne
Billie Holliday	Hart deFouw	

### **Friends**

Mercury, Saturn, Venus (Yoga—Karaka)

### **Enemies**

Sun, Moon, Jupiter, Mars



## **Aquarius Lagna (Kumbha)—The Water Bearer**

Scientific, philosophical nature, great intelligence  
Gifts in teaching, writing  
Service oriented, humanitarian concerns  
Work well with groups and organizations  
May appear aloof or secretive, stoic nature  
Success in the second half of life  
Tend to not get full credit for the work they do  
Humble, may hide their light, hesitant to take on leadership  
Vata nature

### **Shadow issues**

Health problems in early life, difficult childhood  
Trouble in early marriage unless Sun is well-placed  
Melancholy nature  
Shyness, self-esteem issues

### **Famous People**

Abraham Lincoln	Sri Ramakrishna
Karl Marx	Walter Mondale
Elizabeth Kubler-Ross	J.P. Morgan
Dr. B.V. Raman	Gayatri Devi Vasudev
Donald Bradley	Alexander Graham Bell
Phil Donahue	Alfred Hitchcock
Andy Gibb	Janice Joplin
Whitney Houston	Mary Tyler Moore

### **Friends**

Mercury, Venus and Saturn

### **Enemies**

Sun, Moon, Mars and Jupiter  
(reflects money karma—rules 2nd and 11th)



## **Pisces Lagna (Meena)—The Fish**

Spiritual, psychic nature

Very sensitive, emotional nature

Romantic, dream of faraway places, love to travel

Need to live near water

Imaginative mind, good for hypnosis and imagery

Need an intelligent mate, may marry twice

Independent, active, influential

Charitable nature, may be too generous at times

Make good priests or counselors, enjoy teaching

Good connections with children

Kapha Nature

### **Shadow issues**

May be overly sensitive to criticism

Jealousy issues

Indecisive due to lack of confidence

Contradictory goals or ideals, two fish swimming in opposite directions

Troubles with alcohol or drugs

### **Famous People**

Michiel Gorbachev

Dwight D. Eisenhower

Walt Whitman

Robert Duvall

Robert Redford

Bette Midler

Barbra Streisand

Ringo Starr

Pete Rose

Richard Pryor

### **Friends**

Moon, Mars and Jupiter

Sun—Neutral

### **Enemies**

Venus, Mercury, and Saturn

# Sanskrit Glossary

Abhijit	a special nakshatra used in Muhurtha, the star Vega
Artha	material prosperity or wealth
Ayanamsha	degree difference between the Tropical and Sidereal zodiacs
Ayurveda	a Vedic medicinal approach used with Vedic Astrology
Bhava	astrological house
Bhava madhya	midpoint of a house
Bhukti	minor planetary period
Brahma	cosmic God of creation
Brahmin	spiritual, intellectual caste
Brihaspati	Jupiter
Buddhi	intelligence, reason
Budha	Mercury
Chandra	Moon
Chara	moveable or ephemeral
Dasha	major planetary period
Devas	Gods or Goddesses
Dhanus	Sagittarius
Dharma	career, right activity, honor or status
Drishti	planetary aspect
Durga	the Goddess as the demon slayer, related to Rahu
Dusthanas	the houses of difficulty - 6, 8, & 12 (3 is a mild dusthana)
Ganesha	the elephant faced God, related to Jupiter
Gunas	the three primal qualities of sattwa, rajas, and tamas
Guru	Jupiter
Jyotish	Vedic or Hindu Astrology, science of light
Kama	desire nature, healthy pleasures
Kali	dark form of the Goddess; related to Saturn
Kanya	Virgo
Kapha	biological water humor
Karaka	significator or indicator
Karkata	Cancer
Karma	laws of cause and effect
Kendra	angular house
Ketu	South Node of the Moon or dragon's tail
Krishna	Hindu Avatar
Krura	fierce or severe
Kuja	Mars
Kuja Dosha	difficult house (1, 4, 7, 8, & 12) placement of Mars for marital happiness

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Kumbha	Aquarius
Lakshmi	Goddess of luxury and beauty; related to Venus
Lagna	Ascendant or rising sign
Laghu	light or swift
Maha Dasha	major planetary period
Mangala	Mars
Mantra	sacred or empowered sound
Mesha	Aries
Mina	Pisces
Misra	mixed
Mithuna	Gemini
Moksha	spiritual liberation
Mridu	soft, mild or tender
Mulatrikona	root trine, favorable sign for each planet, nearly as good as exalted
Nakshatras	the 27 lunar mansions or constellations
Navamsa	ninth harmonic chart related to marriage and one's spiritual tendencies
Parashara	Father of Vedic Astrology, author of Brihat Parashara Hora Sastra
Pitta	biological fire humor
Prana	life-force or breath
Puja	Hindu rituals or sacred ceremonies
Rahu	North Node of the Moon or Dragon's Head
Raja Yoga	planetary combination which gives great kingly power
Rajasic	active or agitated in quality
Rama	seventh avatar of Lord Vishnu, divine warrior, related to the Sun
Rasi chakra	basic sign chart
Ravi	Sun
Rishis	ancient Vedic seers
Rudra	fierce form of Shiva; related to Ketu, lord of the storms
Sattwa	spiritual in quality
Shadbala	system of determining planetary strengths and weaknesses
Shadvargas	six main harmonic charts
Sani	Saturn
Shiva	Hindu God who destroys creation, but takes us to the transcendent
Simha	Leo
Skanda	Mars, the God of War
Soma	Moon
Sthira	fixed or permanent

Sukra	Venus
Surya	Sun
Tamasic	dark or slow in quality
Thula or Tula	Libra
Tiksha	sharp or dreadful
Trikona	trine houses (1, 5, & 9)
Upachaya	growing houses (3, 6, 10 & 11)
Vata	biological air humor
Vargas	divisional or harmonic charts
Vargottama	same sign position in both the rasi and navamsa charts
Vedas	ancient Vedic scriptures
Vimshottari Dasha	120 year cycle of the planetary periods
Vishnu	Hindu God that preserves and maintains the universe
Vrischika	Scorpio
Vrishabha	Taurus
Yogas	planetary combinations

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